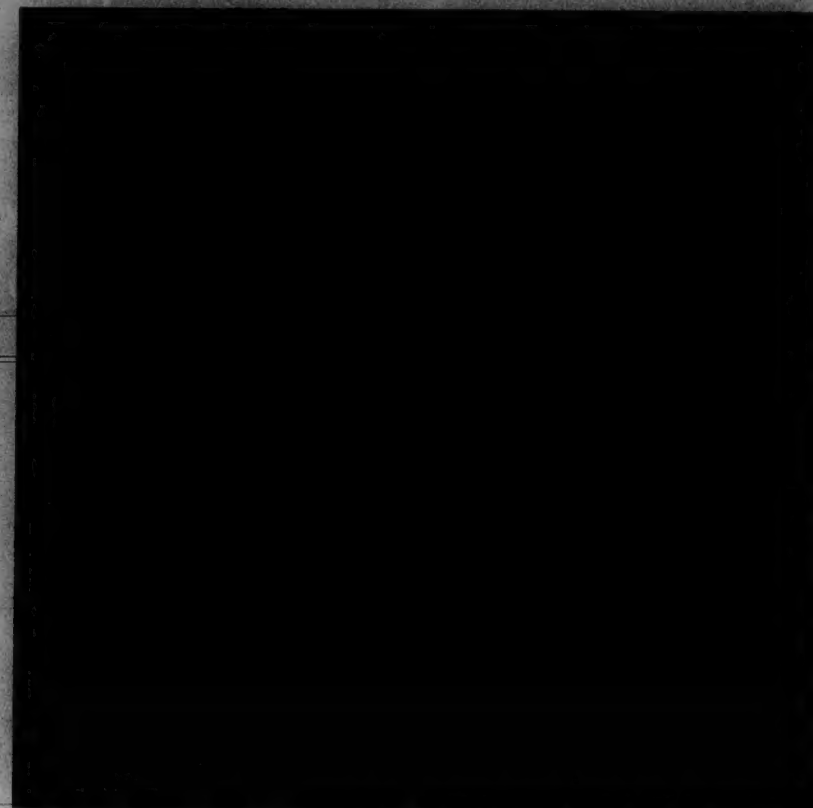
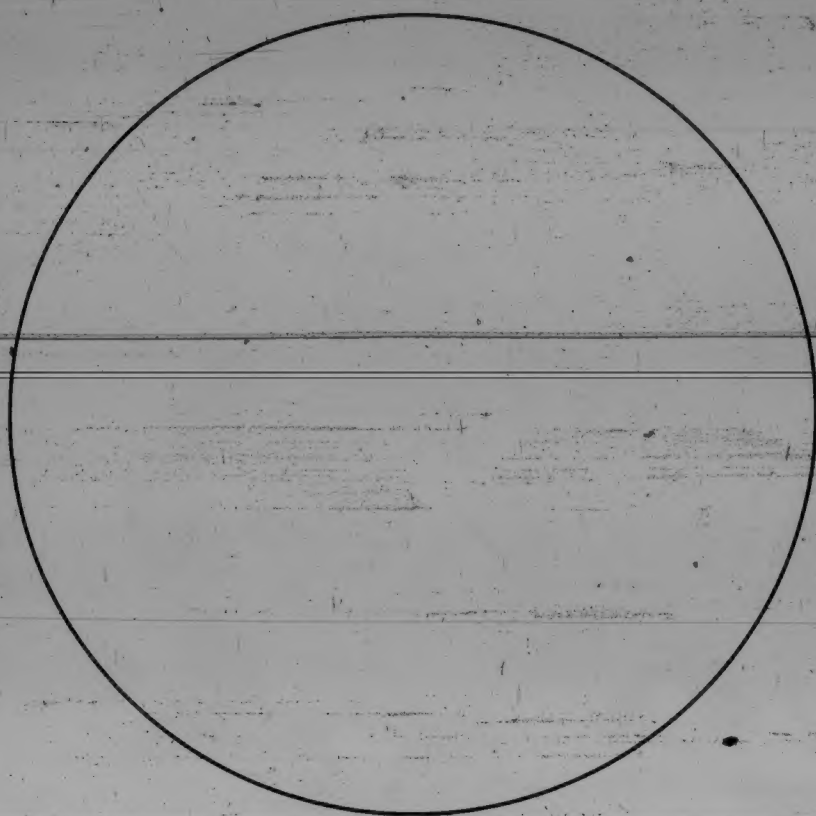
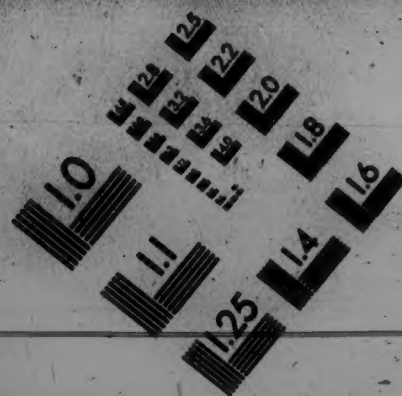
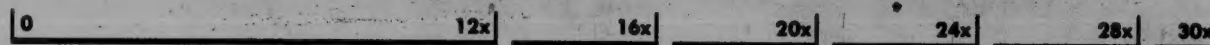


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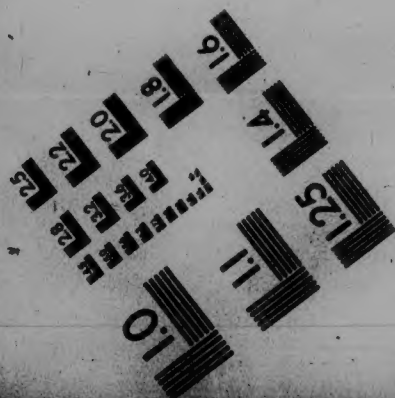
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**CHEROKEE FREEDMEN 451 - 666**

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Ross for the enrollment of himself and seven children as Cherokee Freedmen: he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joseph Ross.  
Q What is your age? A 44.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q You always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q When do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many? A Eight children. (Seven children.)  
Q No wife? A No wife.  
Q Give me the names of your children, please? A Jessie.  
Q How old is he? A 21.  
Q He must apply for himself? A He is in penitentiary.

(We will take a separate application for him.)

- Q The next one? A Alexander.  
Q How old is Alexander? A 19.  
Q The next one? A James, 17.  
Q The next one? A Rebecca.  
Q How old is Rebecca? A 15.  
Q The next one? A Clarence, 13.  
Q The next one? A Lizzie.  
Q How old is Lizzie? A 11.  
Q The next one? A Samuel.  
Q How old is Samuel? A 9.  
Q The next one? A Mottie.  
Q A boy or a girl? A A boy.  
Q How old is Mottie? A Seven.  
Q You say you are not married? A My wife is dead.  
Q What was your wife's name? A Laura.  
Q Was your first wife? A Yes sir.  
Q She a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and his deceased wife are identified therein as follows:

Page 799, No. 1883, Joseph Ross, Tahlequah District.  
Page 799, No. 1884, Laura Ross, Tahlequah District.

The 1880 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are identified therein as follows:

Page 1330, No. 398 Joseph Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 401, Alexander Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 402, James Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 403, Rebecca Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 404, Clarence Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 405, Lizzie Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 406, Samuel Ross, Tahlequah District.  
1330, No. 407, Mottie Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q Is Laura Ross the mother of all these children? A Yes sir.



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The name of Joseph Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 as well as the census roll of 1890; he swore he was married to one Laura Ross, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890; he states that by her he had the following named children, to-wit: Elizabeth, James, Rebecca, Clarence, Linda, Samuel and Mottie, whose names all appear upon the census roll of 1890; they are all duly identified and have satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Charles Freeman.

The undersigned being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly reported the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

*E. J. Rothberger*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15Post Office TahlDistrict Tahl1. Name Joseph RossAge 44

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 799No. 1863District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Age

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. <del>James</del> <sup>James</sup> <del>Ross</del> <sup>Ross</sup>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>401</u>	Dist. <u>Tahl</u>	<u>19</u>
3. <u>James</u>	Year	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>402</u>	Dist. "	<u>17</u>
4. <u>Rosanna</u>	Year	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>403</u>	Dist. "	<u>15</u>
5. <u>Clarence</u>	Year	Page <u>1330</u>	No. <u>404</u>	Dist. "	<u>13</u>
6. <u>Lizzie</u>	Year	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>405</u>	Dist. "	<u>11</u>
7. <u>Samuel</u>	Year	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>406</u>	Dist. "	<u>9</u>
8. <u>Motto</u>	Year	Page <u>1320</u>	No. <u>407</u>	Dist. "	<u>7</u>
10.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
11.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
12.	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	

Application made by no 11Stenographer Rothenberg & G.

(11) - 1896 Roll # 1320 # 398 Tahl

(18) - 96 Roll as "Motto Ross"

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Moss Carter, et al.--2.

Q Who here knows that you and your wife live together as husband and wife? A My mother knows.  
Q What is her name? A Sarah Carter.

SARAH CARTER, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Brockbridge, testified as follows:

Q Give your full name, please? A Sarah Carter.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly.  
Q Well, about how old? A About 55.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Is Moss Carter your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his wife's name? A Oma.  
Q What was her name when she married him? A Oma Thompson.  
Q And how long have they been married? A About ten years.  
Q Something like that? A Yes, sir.  
Q They have been living together ever since as husband and wife?  
A Yes, sir.

MOSS CARTER, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q Your wife is identified on the rolls as a Freedman; now, do you want to apply for her as a Freedman or as a Cherokee by blood?  
A So as a Freedman.

COMMISSIONER BROCKBRIDGE:--The applicant applies for it in an enrollment of himself, his wife and four children. He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1885 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1885 as a Cherokee Freedman. She is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her change of name arising from marriage some eight or ten years ago, is established satisfactorily by the testimony of the applicant and by that of his mother, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Q Of the four children named in the testimony the two elder, Peggy and Jesse, are duly identified on the rolls of 1880. They are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of the birth of the two younger children, Jenetta and Frances, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he has recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 18th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Most Carter for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Carter being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Most Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself, anybody? A No and my wife she is a Cherokee.  
Q Your wife claims to be a Cherokee? A Yes, sir.  
Q She has not been enrolled? A No, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes, sir, four.  
Q Do you want to have them enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want them enrolled as Cherokees do not you? They would take with their mother? (No response.)  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Arch Carter.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me your wife's full name? A Oma Carter.  
Q How old is your wife? A 22.  
Q When did you marry her? A 1892.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got a certificate of your marriage to her? A No, sir.  
Q No written evidence? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Bart Thompson.  
Q Is Bart Thompson alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Now give me the name of your wife's mother? A Lydia.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I don't know, she ain't been dead very long though.  
Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Peggie.  
Q How old is Peggie? A Seven years old.  
Q The next one? A Jesse.  
Q How old is Jesse? A Four.  
Q The next child? A Jenetta.  
Q How old is Jenetta? A Two.  
Q The next child? A Frances.  
Q How old is that child? A Year old.  
Q Are these children all living? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 745, #444, Moses Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 814, #2539, Oma Thompson, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 1308, #84, Moss Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, #88, Oma Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, #86, Peggie Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, #87, Jessie Carter, Tahlequah District.

Mose Carter, et al.--2.

Q Who here knows that you and your wife live together as husband and wife? A My mother knows.  
Q What is her name? A Sarah Carter.

SARAH CARTER, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give your full name, please? A Sarah Carter.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly.  
Q Well, about how old? A About 55.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Is Mose Carter here your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his wife's name? A Oma.  
Q What was her name when she married him? A Oma Thompson.  
Q And how long have they been married? A About ten years.  
Q Something like that? A Yes, sir.  
Q They have been living together ever since as husband and wife?  
A Yes, sir.

MOSE CARTER, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q Your wife is identified on the rolls as a Freedman; now, do you want to apply for her as a Freedman or as a Cherokee by blood?  
A Go as a Freedman.

COMIR BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children: He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her change of name arising from marriage some eight or ten years ago, is established satisfactorily by the testimony of the applicant and by that of his mother, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Of the four children named in the testimony the two elder, Paggie and Jesse, are duly identified on the rolls of 1896. They are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of the birth of the two younger children, Jenetta and Frances, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 15 - 1901

Post Office

W. Gibson

District

Galeman

1. Name

Mose Carter

Age

31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page

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No.

444

District

Tah

Parents:

Father

Arch Carter

Citizenship

Mother

Sarah "

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Oma Carter

Age

22

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page

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No.

2339

District

Tah

Parents:

Father

Curt Thompson

Citizenship

Mother

Lydia "

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.	Peggie Carter	Year	1880	Page	1305	No.	86	Dist.	Tah	7
4.	Sissie "	Year	"	Page	1305	No.	87	Dist.	"	4
5.	Leannetta "	Year	"	Page	"	No.	"	Dist.	"	2
6.	Frances "	Year	"	Page	"	No.	"	Dist.	"	1
7.	"	Year	"	Page	"	No.	"	Dist.	"	"
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Application made by

Mose Carter

Stenographer

J. H. K. K. K.

1 - In 1880 poll as Mose Carter  
 1 " 1896 " P. 1305 " 84 Tah  
 No 2 in 1880 poll as Curt Thompson  
 2 " 1896 " P. 1305 " 85 Tah  
 4 " 1896 " as Sissie Carter  
 5 and 6 - Affidavits to be supplied



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. *8452*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Annella Barker*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, APR 15 1901 190

*[Signature]*  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Jennette Carter, born on the 14 day of Feb, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Mose Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Anna Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Th Gibson D.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Anna Carter, on oath state that I am Twenty five  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mose Carter, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 14 day of Feb, 1898; that said child has been  
named Jennette Carter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Anna Carter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Anna Carter, wife of Mose Carter,  
on the 14 day of Feb, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Jennette Carter.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Martha Vann  
Jessie Sheppard  
Geo Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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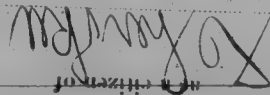
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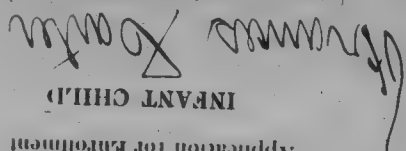
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as a citizen of



INFANT CHILD

Application for Enrollment of

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frances Carter

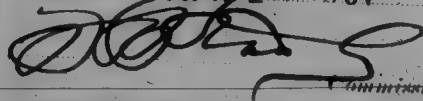
as a citizen of

Shenandoah

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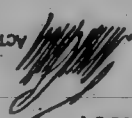
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Francis Carter, born on the 8 day of April, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Mase Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ona Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, H. Gibson D. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ona Carter, on oath state that I am Twenty five  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mase Carter, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 8 day of April, 1900; that said child has been  
named Francis Carter, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1900.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ona Carter, wife of Mase Carter  
on the 8 day of April, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Francis Carter.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1900.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

my term exp- April 10-1903.

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Charles A. Nelson.

James Barker  
a citizen of the

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Jesse Carter

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

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Approved

Commissioner.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jesse Barter  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Fort Gibson Ind. Ter., and died on the 6 day of  
(Here insert name of post office)  
July 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Mose Barter, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Fort Gibson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
father of Jesse Barter  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Jesse Barter died on the 6 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
July 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Wm. Almer  
Wm. Brown

Mose Barter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of August 1904

Samuel Forman

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Jennetta Barker*  
a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

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*15* 1904

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jennetta Carter  
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 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
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1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Mose Carter, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
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(Here insert name of post office)

father of Jennetta Carter  
(State relationship as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Jennetta Carter died on the July day of  
(Here insert name of deceased) 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Palmer  
Moore  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mose Carter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of August 1904

Daniel Forman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.



32 # 7452

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Frances Carter

a citizen of the

Lakota

Nation.

Approved

15 1904

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Frances Carter  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Acherakee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Wt Gibson Ind. Ter., and died on the July day of  
1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mose Carter, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Acherakee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Wt Gibson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
father of Frances Carter  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Acherakee Nation;  
 and that said Frances Carter died on the July day of  
1903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mose his Carter  
mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of August 1904  
Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Moses Ross for the enrollment of him self, his wife, Mary Ross, and his two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Moses Ross.  
Q How old are you? A Somewhere about 48.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Mary.  
Q How old is Mary? A 38 or 39.  
Q What is her father's name? A Simon Fields.  
Q He living? A No sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Kate Fields.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she ever married before? A No sir.  
Q Have you any children? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children? A Two. Lulu Ross.  
Q How old is Lulu? A She's going on 15 years old.  
Q The name of the next one? A Percy.  
Q How old is Percy? A He's about 13.  
Q These children alive and living with you at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Sam Ross.  
Q Did you have a brother named Silas? A No sir, Johnson.  
Q Did you ever have one named Silas? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 736, No. 1751, Moses Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q Was your wife always in Tahlequah? A Yes sir, born right here.  
Q Did she have any sisters and brothers? A Yes sir.  
Q What were their names? A John Fields, Fannie and Lucy Fields.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 736, No. 734, Mary Fields, Tahlequah District.

The 1880 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

- Page 1519, No. 303, Moses Ross, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1519, No. 304, Mary Ross, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1519, No. 305, Lulu Ross, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1519, No. 306, Percy Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you and your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q These two children alive and living with you? A Yes sir.

The name of Moses Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1880 as Moses Ross. The name of his wife, Mary, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary Fields, that having been her maiden name, and upon the census roll of 1880 as Mary Ross, her present name.

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The names of his two children, John and Mary, by his wife Mary, are found upon the census roll of 1890, and are also identified and have satisfactory proof in connection with the will be listed for admission to the same.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes that he is connected to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, is connected to the Commission and proceedings in this case, and that he is going to a full, true and correct statement of the same.

*J. Doehner*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

*Miner*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
APR 15 1901

  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office Tahl

District Tahl

1. Name Moses Ross

Age 42

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 796 No. 1751 District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Sam Ross

Citizenship

Col

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Mary Ross

Age 32

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 759 No. 724 District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Simon Fields

Citizenship

Col D.

Mother

Kate Fields

Citizenship

Col

Names of Children:

3. Lulu Ross

Year 1886

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Dist. Tahl

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4. Percy "

Year "

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Dist. "

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Rothenberg E. G.

{ (1) - 80 Roll Moses Ross + }  
{ (1) - 96 Roll 1319 # 393 Tahl }{ (2) - 80 Roll as "Mary Fields" }  
{ (2) - 96 " 1319 # 394 Tahl }

(3) - 96 Roll "Lulu Ross"

(4) - 96 " "Percie Ross"

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...and, I hope to see him again in one of your San Francisco

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mike Fields for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Carrie Fields, and his five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. J. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mike Fields.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled in any other Nation or Nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee  
Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q When do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My family.  
Q Your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children? A Five children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Carrie.  
Q How old is she? A 28.  
Q What was her father's name? A Dick Ross.  
Q Is Dick Ross living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Martha Pack.  
Q What was your wife's name before you married her? A Her name  
is on the '80 roll as Carrie Pack.  
Q Are you her first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Jeta.  
Q How old is Jeta? A 11.  
Q The next one? A Anna.  
Q How old is Anna? A 8.  
Q The next one? A Rose.  
Q How old is Rose? A 6.  
Q The next one? A Willie.  
Q How old is Willie? A 4.  
Q The next one? A Clyde.  
Q How old is Clyde? A Two years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and  
wife are found thereon as follows:

Page 728, No. 709, Michael Fields, Tahlequah District.  
Page 728, No. 1004, Carrie Pack, Tahlequah District.

The 1890 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee  
Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found  
thereon as follows:

Page 1308, No. 129, Michael Fields, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, No. 140, Carrie Fields, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, No. 141, Peter Fields, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, No. 142, Annie Fields, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1308, No. 143, Ross Fields, Tahlequah District.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you at this time?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife also? A Yes sir.

The name of Mike Fields is found upon the authenticated  
roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1890. The name of  
his wife, Carrie, is found upon the authenticated roll of  
1880 by her maiden name, Carrie Pack, and upon the census  
roll of 1890 as Carrie Fields. The names of his three children,  
Jeta, Anna and Rose are found upon the census roll of 1890; he  
avows he has two other children, younger, named Willie and

They, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1920, they are all under 14 years of age and are undoubtedly living with their parents, and are under the parental control and supervision of their parents. In cases of children the necessity for them to file with the census is not to be proved as to their births.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1944.

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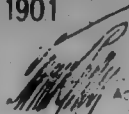
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office Tahl

District Tahl

1. Name Mike Fields

Age 31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 709

District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Carrie Fields

Age 28

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1684

District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.	<u>Jeta Fields</u>	Year <u>1896</u>	Page <u>1308</u>	No. <u>141</u>	Dist. <u>Tahl</u>	<u>11</u>
4.	<u>Anna</u>	Year <u>"</u>	Page <u>1308</u>	No. <u>142</u>	Dist. <u>"</u>	<u>8</u>
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Application made by

No 111

Stenographer Rothmberger & S.

{ (1) a fo Roll "Michael Fields"  
11) a 96 1308 #139 Tahl }

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(2) a 96 Roll 1308 #140 Tahl }

(3) a 96 Roll as "Jeta Fields"

(4) a 96 " as "Annie Fields"

(16) Affidant of Birth to be filed

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

William Fields

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

October 23<sup>d</sup>

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner

COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Willie Fields, born on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897,  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Mike Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Tahlequah, Okla.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern District.

I, Carrie Fields, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mike Fields, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
born to me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897, that said child has been  
named Willie Fields, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. S. Bayles  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern District.

Dr. W. Murray, Physician, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie Fields, wife of Mike Fields,  
on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Willie Fields.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. S. Bayles  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 454

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*John de B. Webb*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*Oct 23*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE FEDERALIZED

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Elyde Fields, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Mike Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Fields, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Tahlequah, I. O.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Carrie Fields, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mike Fields, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
born to me on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899 that said child has been  
named Elyde Fields and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Carrie Fields

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.  
J. S. Boyles  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Martha Pack, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie Fields, wife of Mike Fields  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1899 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Elyde Fields

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Martha Pack

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.  
J. S. Boyles  
NOTARY PUBLIC

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Protest of  
Carrier Folsa  
Against  
Miss Folsa  
Selecting her allotment.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
FILED  
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4. 11. REC

To  
The Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
The undersigned would state that  
her husband Mike Fields, a  
Cherokee Freedman is, as the  
undersigned has been informed,  
attempting to select the allotment  
in the Cherokee lands for the  
undersigned -

The undersigned hereby protests  
against the said Mike Fields filing  
for her - any manner selecting  
her allotment, that the under-  
signed and the said Mike Fields  
do not live together as man  
and wife, that they separated  
last December, and that the  
undersigned desires to make  
her own selection -

Carrie Fields

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COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
Department of the Interior  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Washington, D. C. April 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mike Fields for the  
enrollment of his wife, Martha Pack, as a Cherokee  
freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B.  
Needles, testified as follows:

Q. Now, applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife's mother,  
Martha Pack.  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. How old is she? A. I believe she is about 68 or 9; maybe older.  
Q. What is her postoffice address? A. Tahlequah.  
Q. What district does she live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q. She always been recognized as a Cherokee freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Her name on the roll of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. You now apply to have her enrolled as a Cherokee freedman?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. Why hasn't she present? A. She said she wasn't able to come.  
Q. Is she sick? A. Yes sir, she had the smallpox, and she has been  
sick ever since.  
Q. On account of bodily infirmities, she is unable to be present?  
A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the  
Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is  
found on page 782, No. 1681, Martha Pack, Tahlequah District.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee  
Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on  
page 1219, No. 386, Martha Pack, Tahlequah District.

Q. Martha Pack always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A.  
Yes sir.  
Q. She never lived out of it? A. No sir.  
Q. You know her to be living at this time? A. She was when I left  
there.

The name of Martha Pack is found upon the authenticated  
roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1886, is duly identified  
and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed  
for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly re-  
corded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mike Fields for the enrollment of his wife's mother, Martha Pack, as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Comr.—Applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife's mother, Martha Pack.

- Q How old is she? A I believe she is about 68 or 9; maybe older.  
Q What is her postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district does she live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q She always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Her name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You now apply to have her enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Why isn't she present? A She said she wasn't able to come.  
Q Is she sick? A Yes sir, she had the smallpox, and she has been feeble ever since.  
Q On account of bodily infirmities, she is unable to be present?  
A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 792, No. 1681, Martha Pack, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1519, No. 376, Martha Pack, Tahlequah District.

- Q Martha Pack always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? na  
Yes sir.  
Q She never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q You know her to be living at this time? A She was when I left there.

The name of Martha Pack is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

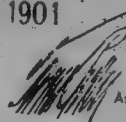
*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.



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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901Post Office TahlDistrict Tahl

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife

Martha PackAge 68

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 792No. 1681District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Duke Fields

Stenographer

R. H. Hemberger 2.9

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., July 28, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Martha Pack for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

CARRIE FIELDS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Fields.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old last day of March.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you know Martha Pack? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A I don't know just exactly; she is 80 some odd years old.  
Q She is an old woman is she? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Is she any relation to you? A My mother.  
Q You present here power of attorney signed by Martha Pack, dated July 22, 1903, authorizing you to select her allotment in the Cherokee Nation; why is she not here to select her own allotment? A She is not able.  
Q Why isn't she? A She's a cripple; sick all the time.  
Q How long has she been a cripple? A Five or six years, or longer, rheumatism.  
Q Can't she walk at all? A Yes sir.  
Q How far does she live from the office? A About 2 miles I guess.  
Q Is she able to walk that far? A No sir.  
Q Is she able to travel that far at all, come in a wagon?  
A Yes sir. But she is sick all the time, unable to do anything.  
Q Don't she come to town at all? A Once in a while.  
Q Once in how great a while, how often? A Not for weeks at a time.  
Q Is Martha Pack able to come to the land office and wait her time to select her allotment? A No sir, she's not.

COMMISSION: It appearing that Martha Pack is old and infirm, her daughter, Carrie Fields, will be permitted to select the allotment to which she is entitled in the Cherokee Nation.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 28th day of July, 1903.

*Mabel F. Maxwell*

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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The two children named in the testimony, Floyd and John Vann, are duly identified with their parent on the roll of 1896. They are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, at a time that as stated in the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

DOUBTFUL, as to Wife:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jim Vann for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen, and for the enrollment of his wife, ELIA VANN, as a Cherokee Freedman by inter-marriage; said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name. A Jim Vann.  
Q James Vann; how old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Two boys.  
Q Don't want to apply for your wife? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Butler Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About six years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the names of these children? A Floyd Vann.  
Q How old is that one? A Ten years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Johnnie.  
Q John? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is John? A Eight.  
Q Are they both living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children?  
A Elle Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q How old is she? A 24.  
Q When were you married to her? A '90.  
Q You and she parted have you? A No, sir.  
Q What is she, not a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q Where did you marry her? A In Illinois District.  
Q Where was she born? A Arkansas.  
Q Has she lived with you ever since she married you in 1890?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A John Mayo.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A I haven't seen her, but her name is Lucinda.  
Q Is she alive? A I suppose so, I haven't heard from her.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage to your wife?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who married you? A Tom Fort.  
Q Is he a preacher? A Yes, sir.  
Q White man or colored man? A Colored man.  
Q Is he here? A No, sir.  
Q Is there anybody here that knows that you and your wife have been living together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, this man, Foreman.

ABE FOREMAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give your full name there? A Abe Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 32.  
Q What is your post office? A Braggs.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.



Jim Vann, et al.--2.

- Q Do you know this man here, James Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Ella Vann.  
Q How long have they been married? A About 11 or 12 years.  
Q Do they live in your neighborhood? A Not now, they don't.  
Q Did they live in your neighborhood? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were they married in your neighborhood? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you at the wedding? A Yes, sir.  
Q You saw them married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you lived together ever since as husband and wife?  
A I guess so.  
Q You never heard of their breaking up? A No, sir.  
Q How far do you live from them? A About ten miles.  
Q You never heard of any disturbance? A I have heard of disturbance, but they are in good standing now.  
Q Did you ever hear of his being married before? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever hear of her being married before? A No, sir.  
Q She passed as a young unmarried woman? A Yes, sir.  
Q She was very young when she married him was not she?  
A Yes, sir, she was very young when she married him.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 598, #2099, James Vann, Illinois District.

The 1896 Censu Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon, as follows:

- Page 969, #720, James Vann, Illinois District.  
Page 969, #721, Floyd Vann, Illinois District.  
Page 969, #722, John Vann, Illinois District.

JIM VANN, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

- Q Is has not been settled as far as the opinion of the Commission is concerned as to whether a woman marrying a Cherokee Freedman like you possesses the right to enrollment or not, where she married before that law of 1895, and your wife may have the right to enrollment, so you had better include her in the application; it can't do you any harm and may give her the same right as the balance of you. It does not affect your rights or does not affect the rights of the children; it might give her the same right as you and her children. So you want her included in the application for what it may be worth; that is right, is it? A Yes, sir.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and two children: He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

He has shown by satisfactory testimony to have been married to his wife some ten years ago. Neither was previously married. They have lived together ever since their marriage. She has no right to enrollment of herself and she has not been admitted to enrollment as shown by the record in 1896. But in order to determine her right arising from the fact of marriage, as shown in the testimony, she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card.

Jim Vann, et al--3.

The two children named in the testimony, Floyd and John Vann, are duly identified with their parent on the roll of 1896. They are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

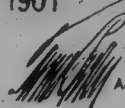
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 15, 1901

Post Office

Fort Keburn D.C.

District

Illinois

1. Name

James Vain

Age

29

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2099

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Butler Vain

Citizenship

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Mother

Sarah "

Citizenship

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Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Elba Vain

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

2. Floyd Vain

Year

1886

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No.

721

Dist.

Ill

3. John "

Year

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722

Dist.

"

5.

Year

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Dist.

Application made by

James Vain

Stenographer

J. P. Ross

1. On 1886 roll P. 969 # 721 - Ill

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Department of the Interior

COMMISSION OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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The undersigned, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is a member of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, and that he has seen and examined the foregoing in a full, true and correct copy of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1891.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Johnson W. Martin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Johnson W. Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe except the Cherokees? A No sir.  
Q You always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What is your father's name? A Alex Martin.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Dinah.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

Applicant states his name is John Wesley on the '80 roll.

- Q How does it happen to be John Wesley? A John Wesley Martin.  
Q What district were you in in 1880, twenty years ago? A Illinois.  
Q Have you been here to enroll? A No sir, my mother enrolled as Grapo.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's father and mother are identified thereon as follows:

Page 518, No. 452, Alex Grapo, Illinois District.

Page 513, No. 342, Dinah Grapo, Illinois District.

- Q Was your name ever called Foreman? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found thereon as follows:

Page 35, No. 953, Wesley Martin, Canadian District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 945, No. 127, Johnson Grapo, Illinois District.

- Q How does your name happen to be Grapo? A I don't know.  
Q Did you have any relations named Grapo? Was your father and mother ever called Grapo? A Yes sir.  
Q How is that - was your father called Grapo sometimes? A Yes sir, sometimes.  
Q He belonged to Grapo, did he? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes sir.

The name of John W. Martin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 of the citizens of the Cherokee Nation as Wesley Martin, and upon the 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation as Johnson Grapo. He is identified as the son of Alex and Dinah Grapo, whose names are found upon the 1880 authenticated roll; he explains the reason why his name is on as Grapo and that of his mother and father as Grapo from the fact that they were owned and slaves belonging to one Grapo; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence; consequently John W. Martin will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.



Department of the Interior,

B- J.V.M.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct manuscript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

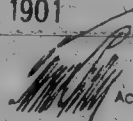
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

OF APPLICATION.

# CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Post Office

Vian

District

Ills

1. Name

Johnson, W. Martin

Age

22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1896

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No. 127

District

Ills

Parents:

Father

Aleck Martin

Citizenship

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Mother

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Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

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(1) in 1896 Roll as "Johnson Crapo"

Under 1800 Roll page 507 # 953

Wesley Martin - Q. A. -

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Johnson W. Martin  
a citizen of the

Ches Bee Nation

Approved

Dec 21 1904

W. H. Hecunningger

*Commissioner.*



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Johnson W. Martin  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tian, Ind. Ter., and died on the 5 day of  
January, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Peggie Wiggins, on oath state that I am 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Tian, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
aunt of Johnson W. Martin,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Johnson W. Martin died on the 5 day of  
January, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of December, 1904.

Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904.

Notary Public.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahquah, I.T. July 14, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Ellen Bell for the enrollment of herself and children, John O., Nora, Charley, Carrie, Bud H., Sarah, Julia Blackburn, as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

DAVE WHITMIRE, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Dave Whitmire.  
Q How old are you? 27.  
Q What is your post office? A Hayden.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A A year ago the 19th day of April.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Carrie Blackburn.  
Q Is she a daughter of Ellen Bell? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and she living together? A Yes sir.
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Mary B. Risser, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in his case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 15th day of July, 1904.

Mary B. Risser  
J. B. Risser  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
St. Louis, Mo., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Wesley Foreman for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Wesley Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A I am 22 years of age.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I think it is.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jesse Foreman.  
Q He living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lucie Grapo.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 531, No. 708, Wesley Foreman, Illinois Dist.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 948, No. 817, Wesley Foreman, Illinois District.

Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The name of Wesley Foreman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1886; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Wesley Foreman for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Wesley Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A I am 25 years of age.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I think it is.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jesse Foreman.  
Q He living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Judie Grapo.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 531, No. 709, Wesley Foreman, Illinois Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 948, No. 317, Wesley Foreman, Illinois District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The name of Wesley Foreman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

OF APPLICATION.

# CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

APR 15 190

Date

Post Office

District

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*Ill*

1. Name

*Wesley Foreman*

Age

*23*

Owner's name

Year *1880*

Page *531*

No. *709*

District

Citizenship

*Ill*

Parents:

Father

*Jesse Foreman*

Citizenship

*Cal*

Mother

*Judy Crapo*

Citizenship

*Cal*

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Year

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District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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(1) - Roll 4 "Wesley Foreman"

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Q What was her name when she married to Shackleford?  
Q How long has she been married to this man? A About five years  
I think.  
Q How long did she and Shackleford live together? A I didn't  
know her then.  
Q You don't know anything about her being married to Shackleford,  
more than what you hear? A No, sir.

Q. Now, you and your wife have lived together ever since you were married, haven't you? A. Yes, sir.

Applicant Foreman, Illinois District.  
The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 948, #210.  
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examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 948, #210.  
Applicant Foreman, Illinois District.  
The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 948, #210.  
Applicant Foreman, Illinois District.

He states that he and his wife were married sometime or listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be the rolls of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has ment of himself and one child. He is duly identified on CONA BRONKHORST--The applicant applies for the enroll-

1. O. Woods, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

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DOUBTFUL, as to Child, William L.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Abe Foreman for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Foreman being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Abe Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 32 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Illinois.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A One child.  
Q You don't apply for a wife? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Steven Foreman.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead quite a while.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Dilah Foreman.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died in '93.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A William Luther.  
Q How old is the child? A He is three years old.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Lizzie Foreman.  
Q How old is Lizzie? A She is 34.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is your wife is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry her? A Married in '96.  
Q She has no right of herself to enrollment has she?  
A No, sir.  
Q And married after the law of 1895 you don't claim any right for her? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A Married once before.  
Q Was your first wife dead when you married this wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was the name of your first wife? A Amanda Mackey.  
Q When did she die? A She died in '94.  
Q Was your wife, Lizzie ever married except to you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q Was her first husband dead when she married you? A I don't know; they had been parted quite a while.  
Q What was his name? A Ben Shackelford.  
Q When did she and Shackelford part from one another?  
A I don't know.  
Q Before your marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long did she live with Shackelford? A About nine years I reckon.  
Q Is he living now? A No, sir; I never saw him.  
Q Did she get a divorce from Shackelford? A I don't know.  
Q Who here knows that you and your wife live together as husband and wife? A Rufus Mackey.

RUFUS MACKKEY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give your name there, please? A Rufus Mackey.  
Q How old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your post office? A Braggs.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, Abe Foreman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Lizzie Foreman.



Abe Foreman, et al.--2.

Q What was her name when she married him? A Lizzie Shackelford.

Q How long has she been married to this man? A About five years I think.

Q How long did she and Shackelford live together? A I didn't know her then.

Q You don't know anything about her being married to Shackelford, more than what you hear? A No, sir.

ABE FOREMAN, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q You and your wife have lived together ever since you were married, haven't you? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 532, #715, Abraham Foreman, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 948, #210, Abraham Foreman, Illinois District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and one child: He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

He states that he and his wife were married some four or five years ago and the fact of their marriage is established by his own and other satisfactory personal testimony. They have lived together ever since their marriage. No claim is made of her right to enrollment, the marriage having taken place after the law of 1895, prohibiting the acquirement of citizenship by intermarriage and she not possessing or pretending to claim any right of herself. It appears, however, that the applicant's wife had been previously married to one Ben Shackelford with whom she lived some nine years and from whom she separated, but it does not appear that she ever obtained a divorce or that he is dead. This makes it doubtful whether the child, William L. Foreman, is entitled to enrollment at this time. The application, therefore, for the enrollment of this child will be placed upon a doubtful card, it being listed as a Cherokee Freedman and it is required that the applicant supply the Commission with a proper certificate of the child's birth. The final decision of the Commission will be made known to the applicant at his post office address.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

*Charles E. ...*

Comptroller.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 15, 1961  
 Post Office Prasgow, Ill.  
 District Ill.

1. Name Abe Foreman Age 32  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1888 Page 532 No. 715 District Ill.

Parents:

Father Stephen Foreman Citizenship Ill.  
 Mother Sarah " " Citizenship Ill.

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Lizzie Foreman Citizenship Non City - Ill.

Names of Children:

<del>27. William Foreman</del>	<del>Year</del>	<del>Page</del>	<del>No.</del>	<del>Dist.</del>
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Application made by

Stenographer

1 On 1896 roll in Abraham Foreman

On 1896 roll, Page 948 No. 216 - Ill. Dist.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
PORT GIBSON, I. T. APRIL 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rufus Mackey for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Mackey being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. J. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Rufus Mackey.  
Q How old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your past office? A None.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Charles Mackey.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lucie Grapo.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A 16 years.  
Q Is your mother dead? A No, sir.  
Q How long has she been married to Grapo? How long has she had that name? A 14 years.  
Q In 1880 she was a Mackey? A Yes, sir; she was a Foreman then.  
Q She had parted from your father? A Yes, sir.

1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 435, No. 926, Rufus Mackey, Canadian District.  
The 1880 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 255, 4360, Rufus Mackey, Illinois District.

COM'R BRACKINRIDGE:--The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rufus Mackey for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Mackey being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Rufus Mackey.  
Q How old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your post office? A Braggs.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Charles Mackey.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Judie Crapo.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A 25 years.  
Q Is your mother dead? A No, sir.  
Q How long has she been married to Crapo; how long has she had that name? A 14 years.  
Q In 1880 she was a Mackey? A Yes, sir; she was a Foreman then.  
Q She had parted from your father? A Yes, sir.

1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page #35, No. 955, Rufus Mackey, Canadian District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 955, #360, Rufus Mackey, Illinois District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J: O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 15, 1901

Post Office

Cragg, Ill.

District

Ill.

1. Name

Rufus Mackey

Age

29

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

955-

District

Canadian

Parents:

Father

Chas Mackey

Citizenship

Chas. Freed, d

Mother

Judy Cragg

Citizenship

d

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

J. C. Ross

1001 1896 roll Page 955- 360 - Ill, Dist

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His mother is duly identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kern-Clifton roll. She appears to have been omitted from the roll of 1880 by oversight and from neglect. The applicant states that his mother has lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the enrollment of 1880. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. W. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 15th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Andrew Johnson for the enrollment of himself and mother as Cherokee Freedmen; said Johnson, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Anddy Johnson.  
Q How old are you? A 24.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My mother.  
Q Why does not she apply for herself? A She can't come here.  
Q Is she sick? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to apply just for yourself and mother do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A I don't remember him at all  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nicey.  
Q Is your mother alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say you want to apply for her? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is your mother? A I don't know, sir, How old she is.  
Q Well, about how old? A I guess she is about 40 years old.  
Q You say she is sick? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the matter with her? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Is she bedridden? A Yes, sir.  
Q Unable to travel? A Yes, sir.  
Q How far does she live from here? A About ten miles.  
Q How long has she been sick? A About two weeks.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know the name of her father? A No, sir, I don't recollect.  
Q Do you know the name of her mother? A Adeline Johnson.  
Q Well, now, your mother's name is Johnson now isn't it?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name back in 1880; was it Johnson all the time?  
A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants names found thereon, as follows:

Page 373, #669, Andrew Johnson, Flint District.  
Page 373, #668, Nicie Johnson, Flint District.

- Q Where were you in 1896 when they took that last census roll?  
A Here; I haven't been anywhere else.  
Q Did you put your name down? A No, sir, I guess my mother done it.  
Q You have been in the Cherokee Nation all the time have you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q And your mother too? A Yes, sir.

Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:  
Page 91, #2298, Andrew Johnson, Tahlequah District.  
Page 91, #2296, Nicey Johnson, Tahlequah District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and mother: He states that his mother is bedridden and unable to apply for herself. He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. His omission from the roll of 1896 appears to have been occasioned by neglect. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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His mother is duly identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kern-Clifton roll. She appears to have been omitted from the roll of 1896 by oversight and from neglect. The applicant states that his mother has lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since the enrollment of 1880. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1902.

*C. A. McKee*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 13, 1901

Post Office

St. Albans St.

District

Tah.

1. Name

Andrew Johnson

Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1878

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No.

669

District

Tah.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of

Nancy Johnson

Age 40+

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1878

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No.

668

District

Tah.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Adeline Johnson

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

M. J.

Stenographer

J. C. Ransom

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Ross for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lewis Ross.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Ned Ross.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Ann Ross.  
Q She living? A She's dead.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedman of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 799, No. 1857, Lewis Ross, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedman of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1330, No. 431, Lewis Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q Lewis, you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The name of Lewis Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896, is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office Tahle

District Tahle

1. Name Lewis Ross Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 799 No. 1857 District Tahle

Parents:

Father Ned Ross Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Sallie Ross Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by Joe G. Stenographer Rotha Berger & Co.

(1) - 96 Roll 1320 #421 Tahle

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Austin Rose for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Austin Rose.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A None, but myself.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Stick Rose.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Nancy Rose.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 688, No. 881, Austin Rose, Saline District.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1281, No. 424, Austin Rose, Tahlequah District.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes sir.

The name of Austin Rose is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1886, and is duly identified thereby, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Austin Ross for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Austin Ross.  
Q How old are you? A 30.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A None, but myself.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Stick Ross.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Nancy Ross.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 656, No. 881, Austin Ross, Saline District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1321, No. 454, Austin Ross, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Yes sir.

The name of Austin Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and is duly identified thereby, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.



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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1904Post Office TahleDistrict Tahle1. Name Austin RossAge 30

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 656 No. 881District Saline

Parents:

Father Stick RossCitizenship ColMother NancyCitizenship Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q You always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Henry Bean.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Frances.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 736, No. 153, William Bean, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1302, No. 39, William Bean, Tahlequah District.

The name of William Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896, is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Date

Post Office

District

Tahle

Tahle

1. Name

William Bean

Age 21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 736

No. 153

District Tahle

Parents:

Father

Henry Bean

Citizenship

Col

Mother

James Bean

Citizenship

Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Cherokee Freedman 464.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 5, 1903.

In the matter of the application of William Bean for enrollment  
as a Cherokee freedman.

William Bean, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Bean.  
Q How old are you? A Twenty-three.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since  
I was born.  
Q Never lived anywhere else? A Yes, I have been out places once  
or twice, but I never was out of the nation a month.  
Q This has been your home all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded  
the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing  
is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

B. G. Rothberg

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of May, 1903.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
W. B. Needles, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Dock Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Dock Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 36.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q When do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Andrew Bean.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sarah.  
Q She living? A No sir, she's dead.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 740, No. 247, Dock Bean, Tahlequah District.

The 1886 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1202, No. 27, Dock Bean, Tahlequah District.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

The name of Dock Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1886, is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Dock Bean for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Dock Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Andrew Bean.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sarah.  
Q She living? A No sir, she's dead.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 740, No. 277, Dock Bean, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1302, No. 27, Dock Bean, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

The name of Dock Bean is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896, is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office

Fort Gibson

District

Tahle

1. Name

Dock Bean

Age

26.

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No.

277

District

Tahle

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Anderson Bean

Citizenship

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Mother

Sarah

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Owners name

Year

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No.

District

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 15th 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Vann for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A. James Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 24.  
Q What is your post office? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anyone else besides yourself? A. No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Tom Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Martha  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A. I dont know sir.  
Q Dont you remember him? A. No sir I was small.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 821, No. 2546, James Vann, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1325, No. 562, James Vann, Tahlequah district.

By Com'r Needles,--

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman. He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

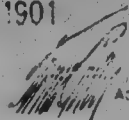
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of April, 1901 at  
Fort Gibson, I. T.

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 15, 1901

Post Office

St. Albans, N.Y.

District

Gahleguash

1. Name

James Vann

Age

24

Owner's name

Year

1880

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No.

2546

District

Gahleguash

Parents:

Father

Thos. Vann - dead

Citizenship

Chas. Freeman

Mother

Martha - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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James Vann

Stenographer

Chas. J. DeWise

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Did you give birth there for child No. 1 Yes Sir.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of David Parris for the enrollment of himself, wife and two children as Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A David Parris.  
Q How old are you? A 29 years old.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I have got two children and a wife.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Fannie.  
Q How old is she? A 19.  
Q What was her father's name? A Andy Brewer.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Charlotte Brewer.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A The oldest one is named Jane.  
Q How old is Jane? A Nine years old.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Ada.  
Q How old is she? A She is seven.  
Q Next one? A Bertha.  
Q How old is Bertha? A She is three.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A He is named after me.  
Q David Jr.? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is David Jr.? A He is a year old.  
Q Who is the mother of Jane, your present wife? A No sir.  
Q You have been married before? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the mother of Jane named? A Mandy Griffin.  
Q She a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q She living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q She the mother of Ada? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was the mother of Bertha? A Fannie.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 31 #22 David Parris, Orphan Roll, Tahlequah Dist.  
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for wife's parents and identified as follows:  
page 768 #1015 Charlotte Harlin, Tahlequah Dist, adopted col'd (Applicant's wife says her mother was named Harlin in '80 roll)  
1920 roll page 502 #78 Andrew Brewer, Illinois District.  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not identified thereon.

- Q Were you enrolled in 1896 Dave? A No sir, I didn't get there.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 1303 #54 Fannie Brewer, Tahlequah District.

- Q Your children are not on the 1896 roll are they, Jane Parris and Ada? A No sir.

David Parris 2 et al

- Q Did you draw Strip money for them in 1894? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife's mother was enrolled as Charlotta Harlin in 1880?  
A Yes sir. She was old man Bass Harlin's daughter.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 177 #4356 Ada Parris, Tahlequah District.  
Note: "Child of Amanda Parris."  
page 92 #2303 Jane Parris, Tahlequah District.

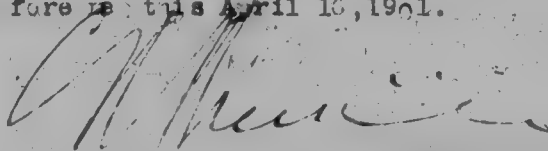
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's former wife identified as follows:  
page 762 #825 Manda Griffin, Tahlequah District.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you at this time?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Wife too? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles:-- The name of David Parris is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; it is not found upon the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife, Fannie, is found upon the census roll of 1896 by her maiden name, Fannie Brewer; she is identified as the child of Charlotta Harlin, whose name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to page and number of the roll as indicated in the testimony; the applicant avers that he has two children, Jane and Ada, who are the children of his first wife, Mandy Griffin; the name of Mandy Griffin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the names of said Jane and Ada are found upon the Clifton-Kerns roll, but not found upon the census roll of 1896; he is also averting that he has two children by his wife Fannie, named Bertha and David Jr., and makes satisfactory proof as to the birth, their names not appearing upon the 1896 roll; they all make satisfactory proof as to residence, and David Parris, his wife, Fannie, and children Jane, Ada, Bertha and David Jr. will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.



Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

David Parris

Age

29

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No.

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District

Tahle

(Orphan Roll)

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Fannie Parris

Age

19

Owners name

Year 1896

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No.

54

District

Tahle

Parents:

Father

Andrew Brewer

Citizenship

Mother

Charlotte

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Jane Parris

Year

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No.

2303

Dist.

Tahle

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Ada

Year

K C

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Dist.

Tahle

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Bertha

Year

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(2) 1896 Roll as "Fannie Brewer"

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Bernice Parrie*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Name of Mother: \_\_\_\_\_, a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation.  
Post-office: \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Fannie Parrie, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Parrie, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 15 day of March, 1898 that said child has been  
named Bertha Parrie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 1901.John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Harlin, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Fannie Parrie, wife of David Parrie,  
on the 15 day of March, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Bertha Parrie her Susan Harlin

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Mary Dixon  
Marla SmithSubscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of Dec, 1901.John Brady

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Dawn Parris*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

APR 15 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment of a citizen of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation,  
of \_\_\_\_\_, born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1\_\_\_\_.  
Name of Father: *David Parrie*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Fannie Parrie*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office: *Melvin, Ind. Ter.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District.

I, *Fannie Parrie*, on oath state that I am *19*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *David Parrie*, who is a citizen, by  
*adoption* of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *31* day of *Jan*, *1900* that said child has been  
named *David Parrie Jr* and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)*Fannie Parrie*Subscribed and sworn to before me this *15* day of *April*, *1901*.*John Brady*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Northern* District.

I, *Susan Harlin*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Fannie Parrie*, wife of *David Parrie*  
on the *31* day of *Jan*, *1900* that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *David Parrie Jr*

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)*Jane Pick**Mary Dixon**Susan Harlin*  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this *15* day of *April*, *1901*.*John Brady*

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lillie Parrie

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

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C. R. Bucknidge  
Commissioner.DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.FILED  
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## BIRTH AFFIDAVIT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lillie Parris, born on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: David Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Fannie Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Velvie Ind. Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Fannie Parris, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Parris, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902 that said child has been  
named Lillie Parris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Fannie ParrisSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1902John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Charlotte Brewer, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Fannie Parris, wife of David Parris,  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lillie Parris.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Charlotte BrewerSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1902John Brady

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Bertha Tarnes*  
a citizen of the

*Clendee*

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Commissioner

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Approved

*J. H. [Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Bertha Parris  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
Indusaw  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Mclevie Ind. Ter., and died on the 14 day of  
November, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,

DISTRICT.

I, David Parris, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by Indusaw of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Mclevie Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
Father of Bertha Parris  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Indusaw of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Bertha Parris died on the 14 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
November, 1904.

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Jan 1905

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,

DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190

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best appears to be  
transcribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1801, at

and correct treatment of the mentioned notes herein.  
Proceedings in the above cases and such as foregoing in a list, and  
minutes to the five qualified judges, be reported in this list and  
open, and judge, being known before and be mentioned to the com-

unofficial as a Cherokee Freedman. On the roll of 1880, he is listed and will be listed for enrollment and thirteen years of age. In this identified woman is and Fitzhugh's woman. Her minor property with proper certification as to the birth of her two children as a Cherokee Freedman. When she applies for enrollment together a short time. She will be listed for enrollment under name. If she has not stated her name only listed with the name of her name, and question a certificate now under her of the years ago she married a man named William but her address Newton will be listed. But states that some time Cherokee Freedman. She states that she was listed in the roll with identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 as a Freedman and a minor property who is listed with her. The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 15th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Minnie Johnson for the enrollment of herself and her two children and a brother, Emmet Johnson, as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Minnie Johnson.  
Q What is your age? A. I am said to be 22.  
Q What is your post office? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Me and my two children and a brother.  
Q How old is your brother? A. He is said to be 13.  
Q Is he an orphan? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All of my days.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Aaron Johnson.  
Q Is he alive? A. No sir he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. Two years the 6th day of April.  
Q Give me your mothers name? A. Ellen J. Johnson.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. Ever since my brother was a baby.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Joanna B.  
Q How old is this child? A. Four years old.  
Q Next child? A. Lillybelle.  
Q How old is this one? A. Four months.  
Q These children are both living now are they? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A. I disremember what year it was—it was in the year of the big payment.  
Q In 1896? A. Yes sir if that is the year of the big payment.  
Q Who was it you married? A. George ~~Murrell~~ Murrell.  
Q How do you get the name of Johnson if you were married to Murrell?  
Q I don't live with my husband.  
Q When did he leave you? A. Oh he has been gone a long time.  
Q Was he a colored man? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman or a State man? A. Was said to be a Cherokee Freedman.  
Q You and he didn't live together long? A. No sir.  
Q And you have always kept your maiden name since then? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been married to any one else since he left you? A. No sir.  
Q And you go by your maiden name now? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 704, # 691, Mintie Johnson, Sequoyah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1315, #279, Murtie Johnson, Tahlequah district.

- Q You didn't have a sister of that name did you? A. No sir.  
Q What is the name of your brother for whom you apply? A. Emmet Johnson.  
Q How old is he? A. Said to be 13..

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows—  
Page 1315, #280, Emmet Johnson, Tahlequah district.

- Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q With you? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,

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Minnie Johnson 3.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, and two children and a minor brother who is living with her. She is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1894 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. That states that some four or five years ago she married a man named Murrell but has never taken his name, and desires to continue now under her maiden name. It appears that she and her husband only lived together a short time. She will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When she supplies the Commission with proper certificates as to the birth of her two children Joanna B. and Lillybelle Johnson, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. Her minor brother, an orphan and thirteen years of age, is duly identified on the roll of 1896, he is living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that he foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 15, 1901  
 Post Office St. Gibson St.  
 District Tahquah

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

☒ Name of wife Minnie Johnson Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 704 No. 691 District Squayah

Parents:

Father Aaron Johnson - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Ellen G. " - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2	<u>Jessie B. Johnson</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	<u>4</u>
3	<u>Lillabelle " "</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	<u>4 no.</u>
4	<u>Bennett Johnson</u>	Year <u>1886</u>	Page <u>1315</u>	No. <u>280</u>	Dist. <u>Tah.</u>	<u>13</u>
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Application made by Minnie Johnson Stenographer Chas. von Hesse

1. Out 1880 roll as Minnie Johnson.  
 1. " 1896 " " 1315 - 279 - Tah. Dist.  
 4. " 1896 " as Bennett Johnson  
 2nd 3 - Affidavits of birth to be supplied.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Joanna B. Johnson*  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

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*Chas. H. Jones*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Joanna B. Johnson, born on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Paton Bean, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: Minnie Johnson, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, St. Gibson, D.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Minnie Johnson, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896, that said child has been  
named Joanna B. Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Minnie Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Barby Starr, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Minnie Johnson, wife of \_\_\_\_\_  
on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Joanna B. Johnson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)Nathaniel Johnson  
Geo. BasierBarby Starr  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lillybelle Johnson  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Billyfelle Johnson, born on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1901  
 Name of Father: Jesse W. Ann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Minnie Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office: H. L. Gibson, S. O.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Northern District.

I, Minnie Johnson, on oath state that I am Twenty two years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1901; that said child has been named Billyfelle Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Minnie Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

L. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 Northern District.

I, Barbey Star, a midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Minnie Johnson, wife of \_\_\_\_\_, on the 5 day of Jan, 1901; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Billyfelle Johnson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Nathaniel Johnson.  
 Geo. Bailey.

Barbey Star

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of Jan, 1901.

L. F. Bailey

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, February 18th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Minnie  
Johnson for the enrollment of herself; her  
children, Joanna B. and Lillybelle Johnson,  
and her brother, Emmett Johnson, as Cherokee  
Freedmen.

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Minnie Johnson, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Minnie Johnson.  
Q. How old are you? A. I don't know just exactly.  
Q. About 24? A. Yes, sir; I guess so.  
Q. What is your post office? A. My post office now is  
Vinita.  
Q. Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you got a brother named Emmett? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where is he living? A. He is at Fort Gibson.  
Q. Who is he living with? A. He is staying with my aunt.  
Q. Is your father and mother dead? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. When did they die? A. Been dead a good while. My father  
died in 1900, I think. My mother, I don't know just when she died.  
She died when I was small.  
Q. Did your father always live in the Cherokee Nation?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Did Emmett live with him until he died? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. He has lived with his aunt since? A. No, sir; he has been  
with me until the last year.  
Q. Emmett has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life  
has he? A. Yes, sir.

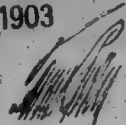
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Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above  
entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of May, 1903.

*Samuel C. Carr*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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CHAIRMAN

MARRIAGE LICENSE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)
Indian Territory, ) ss.
Northern District. )

No. 277

TO ANY PERSON AUTHORIZED BY LAW TO SOLEMNIZE MARRIAGE---GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED to solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between Mr. Emanuell Huff of Vian, in the Indian Territory, aged 24 years, and Miss Minnie Johnson of Vian, in the Indian Territory, aged 22 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.
WITNESS my hand and official seal at Wagoner, Indian Territory, this 30 day of Dec, A. D. 1901.

(SEAL)

Chas. A. Davidson

Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By R. C. Hunter Deputy.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America,)
Indian Territory, ) ss.
Northern District. )

I, N. T. Turner, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 30 day of Dec, A. D. 1901, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 30 day of Dec, A. D. 1901.

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book O, page 234.

N. T. Turner,

A Minister of the Gospel.

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America,)
Indian Territory, ) ss.
Northern District. )

I, CHARLES A. DAVIDSON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 14 day of Jan'y 1902, at...M., and duly recorded in Book M, Marriage Record, Page 201.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Wagoner, in said Territory, this 14 day of Mch, A. D. 1902.

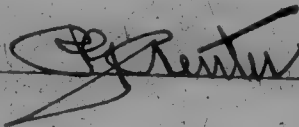
Chas. A. Davidson

Clerk.

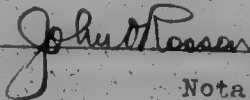
By .....Deputy.



I, the undersigned, Chief Clerk of the Cherokee Land Office and custodian of the records of said office, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original filed in said office.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1903.



Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Lilly Belle Johnson*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

*June 2, 1905*

*JH*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*June 2, 1905*

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lillybelle Johnson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvern, Ind. Ter., and died on the 5th day of  
July, 1903.  
(Here insert name of post office.)

### AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ District.

I, Minnie Johnson, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption as Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvern, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
The mother of Lillybelle Johnson,  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)  
 who was a citizen, as Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Lillybelle Johnson died on the 5th day of  
July, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
B. E. Holderman  
T. H. Ford  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of Sept, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus  
 Notary Public.  
(3rd term.)

### AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ District.

I, Lelah Albert, on oath state that I am 24  
 years of age, and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is T. H. Ford, Ind. Ter.;  
 that I was personally acquainted with Lillybelle Johnson,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Lillybelle Johnson died on the 5th day of  
Sept, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK  
B. E. Holderman  
T. H. Ford  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of Sept, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus  
 Notary Public.  
(3rd term.)

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

five and complete transcript of his stenographic notes received  
testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
correct copy of the same as the same was recorded by the  
M.D. Green, being a notary public, states that he subscribed to the

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CHAS. H. GREEN, Notary Public.  
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Given and said that he is a notary public in and for the State of  
Michigan, his name is Charles H. Green, and his office is at  
the same place as the same was recorded by the  
M.D. Green, being a notary public, states that he subscribed to the

Notary Public in and for the State of Michigan.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nathan Griffin for the enrollment of himself, wife and child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nathan Griffin.  
Q What is your age? A About 46 or 7.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribes?  
A No sir.  
Q Your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A All but the 1896.  
Q On the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I have got a wife and one child; I don't know whether I can get them on or not.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Betsy Rogers before I got her.  
Q How old is she? A 33 or 4.  
Q Ever married before? A No sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A I don't know.  
Q Her mother's name? A Gracy.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Gracy Rogers? A She goes by the name of Gracy Musgrove; she was enrolled with her granny.  
Q What is the name of the child? A Josie.  
Q How old is she? A She is 12 years old.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 762 #824 Nathan Griffin, Tahlequah District.

- Q Did your wife have any relations named Lucy or ~~Lucy~~ Lucinda? A Her grandmother was named Lucy.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 164 #2415 Betsy Rogers, Cooweescoowee, adopted colored;

- Q Your name isn't on the 1896 roll you say? A No sir, it aint on there.  
Q Your wife either? A I guess hers is on there.  
Q Were you married then? A No sir, we was living together.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife and child identified as follows:  
page 960 # 481 Betsey Rogers, Illinois Dist, 28 years old;  
page 957 #403 Josie Nave, Illinois District.

Applicant: Me and my wife separated once, and she lived with Naveawhile.

- Q This child living? A Yes sir.  
Q You and your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yessir.  
Q Is Betsey the mother of Josie? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Nathan Griffin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and not found upon the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife, Betsy is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Betsy Rogers, her maiden name, and it is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Bet-

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sey Rogers; the name of his child, Josie, is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Josie Nave; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Nathan Griffin, his wife, Betsy Griffin and his child, Josie Griffin, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof

*M.D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. M. Mearns*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 15 1901

Post Office

Melvin

District

Tahle

1. Name Nathan Griffith (Griffin) Age 47

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 762 No. 824 District Tahle

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Betsie Griffith (Griffin) Age 33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 164 No. 2415 District Coo

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3. Josie Griffith Year 96 Page 957 No. 403 Dist. Alb 12

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Green M. D.

(2) on 80 Roll "Betsy Rogers" }  
 (2) " 96 960 481 Alb }  
 (3) " 96 Roll "Josie Hare"

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 15, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alma Wofford for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alma Wofford.  
Q How old are you? A Thirty.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe except the Cherokee? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q How many children? A I guess they are enrolled probably.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Amanda.  
Q How old is she? A 30.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A John Gentry.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Mariah or Priscilla.  
Q Are they living? A Her mother is living, her father is dead.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's identified thereon as follows:  
page 825 #2701 Alma Wofford, Tahlequah District, native Cher.  
page 762 #819 Manda Gentry, Tahlequah Dist, adopted colored;

186 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 1328 #627 Alma Wofford, Tahlequah District.  
page 1309 #167 Amanda Gentry, Tahlequah District.

- Q You say you think your children have been enrolled? A My brother enrolled them I think.  
Q What's their names? A Shelly, Wallace, and Lizzie and Alice.

(Roll examined, and these children found to have been enrolled)

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Alma Wofford is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he avers that he was married to Amanda Gentry, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; they are both duly identified, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently said Alma Wofford and his wife, Amanda Wofford will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Alm. Wofford et al 2

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*W. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 15 1901

Post Office Snelva

District Tahl

1. Name Alma Wofford

Age 30

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 2701

District Tahl

Citizenship

(Cherokee)

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Amanda Wofford

Age 30

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 819

District Tahl

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. C. C.

Stenographer

Green M. D.

(1) on 96 Roll 1328 # 627 Tahl

(2) Roll "Amanda Gentry"

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(2) on 96 Roll 1309 # 167 Tahl

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Georgy Hoffman*  
as a citizen of*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Cooley Hofford, born on the 29 day of Oct, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Alma Hofford a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Manda Hofford citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Melvin, S. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District,

Manda Hofford, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alma Hofford, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
born to me on 29th day of Oct, 1901 that said child has been  
named Cooley Hofford, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902  
John Brady, NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District,

I, Siller Sander, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Manda Hofford, wife of Alma Hofford  
on the 29 day of Oct, 1901 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Cooley Hofford.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902  
John Brady, NOTARY PUBLIC.

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of 1880, he is not yet filled and is expected to be filled. The name of Benjamin Drew is not on the list of 1880 as well as the name of Benjamin Drew.

Q Have the names of these men?

A Yes sir, the names of these men are as follows:

Benjamin Drew, George W. Dismick, 18 years old, and Benjamin Drew, George W. Dismick, 18 years old, 1880.

Q Have the names of these men been filled?

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A Yes sir, the names of these men are as follows:

Benjamin Drew, George W. Dismick, 18 years old, 1880.

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Benjamin Drew, George W. Dismick, 18 years old, 1880.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T. April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Drew for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Benjamin Drew.  
Q What is your age? A 23 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Webbers Falls.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What is your father's name? A Pollard Drew.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Katie.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 13 #337 Benj Drew, Canadian District, adopted colored two years old.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 97 #1 Benjamin Drew, Canadian District, 18 years old.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live there now? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Benjamin Drew appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. M. Needles*

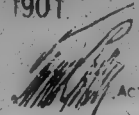
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

Webber Falls

District

Canadian1. Name Benjamin DrewAge 28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 13No. 337

District

Canadian

Parents:

Father

Pollard Drew

Citizenship

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Mother

Katie Drew

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

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George W. Deshotel

Subscribed and sworn to

before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

Notary Public for the State of New York.

Comptroller of the State.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George W. Scarborough for the enrollment of his wife, LAURA, and his child, EMMA, as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George W. Scarborough.  
I ~~want~~ don't want to enroll myself; I want to enroll my wife.  
Q What is your age? A 35.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman citizen? A No sir.  
Q Who do you apply for? A My wife and one child.  
Q What is your wife's name now? A Laura Scarborough.  
Q How old is she? A 19.  
Q What is her post-office address? A Vian.  
Q You apply to have her enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Her name on the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q You are a non-citizen are you? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A Cato Vann.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Her mother's name? A Rachel.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Emma Scarborough.  
Q When were you married ~~in~~ ~~her~~? A Last December a year ago.  
17th.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 599 #2120 Laura Vann, Illinois District, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 967 #661 Laura Vann, Illinois District

- Q How old is Emma? A Born 2nd of this month.  
Q Has your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q This child living now? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Laura Scarborough is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Laura Vann, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Laura Vann; applicant applies for the enrollment of said Laura as his wife, he avers that he has one child, named Emma, ~~six~~ one month old, and he presents satisfactory proof as to the birth of said child; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently, Laura Scarborough and her child Emma will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

George W. Scarborough for wife and child 2

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 13, 1901.

*Wm. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

Emma Scarborough

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Application made by

George W Scarborough

Stenographer

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Emma Scarborough*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

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*W. H. ...*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Emma Scarborough, born on the 2 day of April, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: G. W. Scarborough, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Scarborough, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Union

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

North District.  
I, Laura Scarborough, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by birth of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of G. W. Scarborough, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a female child was  
born to me on the 2 day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
named Emma Scarborough, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12 day of April, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

North District.  
I, Rachel Varn, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Laura Scarborough, wife of G. W. Scarborough  
on the 2 day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Emma Scarborough.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 1901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charles Eagle for the enrollment of himself and his mother as Cherokee Freedman: He being sworn by Commissioner S. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Charles Eagle.  
Q How old are you? A. 50.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Manard.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself-- then I have a mother who is not able to come here, she is blind and weakly and about 80 years old.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Born and raised here.  
Q What is the name of your father? A. John Eagle.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Pauline Eagle.  
Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have never made your home outside of the Cherokee Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Give me your mothers full name? A. Pauline Eagle.  
Q How old is your mother? A. About 80.  
Q She is a Cherokee Freedman is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. As long as I know

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and his mother identified thereon as follows:

Page 694, No. 450, Chas. Eagle, Sequoyah district.  
Page 756, No. 673, Pauline Eagle, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant and his mother identified thereon as follows:

Page 1307, #120, Charles Eagle, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1307, #121, Pauline Eagle, Tahlequah district.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

The applicant applies for enrollment of himself and his mother. He is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He is permitted to apply for his mother because of extreme age and infirmities. His mother Pauline Eagle is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; the applicant states that his mother has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life or at least as far back as he can remember and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

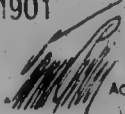
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 16, 1901  
 Post Office Manard, Ia.  
 District Tahlequah  
 Age 30

1. Name Charles Eagle  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 694 No. 450 District Sequoyah  
 Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father John Eagle - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Pauline Eagle Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Age 80

2. Name of Pauline Eagle  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 756 No. 673 District Tahlequah  
 Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by W. I. Stenographer Chas. Conner

1. As per poll as Chas Eagle  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Waddie McCoy for the enrollment of himself, wife and child and step-child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Waddie McCoy.  
Q How old are you, Mr. McCoy? A 25.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Dawson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q You have been recognized by the Cherokee authorities have you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q What is her name? A Carrie McCoy.  
Q How old is she? A 23.  
Q What is her post-office address? A Dawson.  
Q She lives in Cooweescoowee district? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's father's name? A Andy Fry.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Millie Fry.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any children? A One.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Viola McCoy.  
Q How old is it? A 17 months old.  
Q You say you and your wife have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is this child living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Waddie McCoy.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, dead.  
Q Your mother's name? A Harriet Woodard, when she died.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Applicant: Jim Woodard was my step-father.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A He has been dead about six years.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A She has been dead about eighteen years.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 560 #1289 as Mattie McCoy, Illinois District, adopted colored;  
page 259 #1083 Carry Frye, Delaware District, native colored;  
Applicant: I wasn't enrolled on the 1896 roll.  
I was working at Halsell's.  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not found thereon.

Applicant: My wife had been married before that; I guess she was enrolled as Carrie Martin.

- Q Your wife was married to a man named Martin before she married you? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 634 #106 Carrie Martin, Delaware District.

- Q Is her child Helen living? A Yes sir.

Waddie McCoy et al 2

- Q Where is it? A Her grandmother has got it.  
Q You don't want it enrolled? A If I can.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's step-child identified as follows:  
page 634 #107 Helen Martin, Delaware District.

Question by Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q Is that her child? A Yes sir, by her husband, Martin.

Examined further by Commissioner Needles:

- Q How old is the child, do you know? A The child is six years old.  
Q Is that child living at this time? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Waddie McCoy is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mattie McCoy, and duly identified as the applicant; the name of his wife Carrie, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Carry Frye, that having been her maiden name, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Carrie Martin, she having married one Martin before her marriage to the applicant; the name of her child, Helen Martin, by her first husband, is found upon the census roll of 1896; a pplicant avers that he has one child by said Carrie, named Viola, 17 months old, whose name does not appear upon the roll, having been born after same was compiled; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Waddie McCoy, his wife Carrie, her child, Helen Martin and Viola McCoy, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; in order to complete the enrollment of Viola McCoy it will be necessary for the applicant to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of its birth.

M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

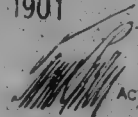
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office DawsonDistrict Col1. Name Waddie Mc CoyAge 25

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 560 No. 1289 District Del

Parents:

Father

Waddie Mc Coy

Citizenship

Col

Mother

Carrie Woodward

Citizenship

Col2. Name of wife Carrie Mc CoyAge 23

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 359 No. 1083 District Del

Parents:

Father

Andy Frye

Citizenship

Col

Mother

Millie Frye

Citizenship

Col

Names of Children:

3. Viola Mc Coy

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17 months4. Helen Martin

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6 years

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{ (1) - 80 Roll - "Mattie Mc Coy" }

{ (1) - 96 Roll - "Carry Frye" }

{ (2) - 80 Roll as "Carry Frye" }

{ (2) - 96 Roll 634 # 106 Del }

(3) "Affidavit of Birth to be filed"

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Viola M. Roy

as a citizen of

Sherokee.

Nation.

Approved, JUN 20 1901

1901

*[Signature]*

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

COMMISSION TO THE CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation  
of Viola McCoy, born on the 25 day of November, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Waddie McCoy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation  
Name of Mother: Carrie McCoy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation  
Post-office: Dawson, A. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northey District.

I, Carrie McCoy, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Waddie McCoy, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 25 day of November, 1899; that said child has been  
named Viola McCoy, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.  
L. C. Lindsey NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northey District.

I, Millie Frye, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie McCoy, wife of Waddie McCoy  
on the 25 day of November, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Viola McCoy.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

A. J. Maxwell  
Eddie Rogers Millie Frye  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of June, 1901.  
Louis J. Browne NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Viola M. Coy

as a citizen of the

Nation.

1902

Approved

Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Viola M. Coy*

as a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*July 1* 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Viola McCoy, born on the 25 day of November, 1899  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Waddie McCoy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Carrie McCoy, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Dawson Ind. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Southern District.

I, Carrie McCoy, on oath state that I am 24  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Waddie McCoy, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 25 day of November, 1899, that said child has been  
 named Viola McCoy, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 1902.

C. J. Smith  
Notary Public.  
My term expires Oct. 29, 1904

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Southern District.

I, Millie Faye, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Carrie McCoy, wife of Waddie McCoy,  
 on the 25th day of November, 1899; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female.)  
 named Viola McCoy.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of June, 1902.

W. H. Loney  
Notary Public.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Austin M. C. Coy

as a citizen of the

Nation.

1902

Approved July 1

Charlotte  
Commissioner

COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Austin M. Coy

as a citizen of the

Charlotte

Nation.

Approved

July 1 1902

Commissioner

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Cherokee, born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Thomas J. Cook, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: S. J. Cook, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Dawson

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee District.

I, S. J. Cook, on oath state that I am 24  
 years of age and a citizen, by Thomas J. Cook, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Thomas J. Cook, who is a citizen, by  
Thomas J. Cook, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
 (Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901, that said child has been  
 named Thomas J. Cook, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of June, 1902.

E. J. Booth  
My Comm. Exp. Nov. 29, 1904 Notary Public.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Cherokee District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. \_\_\_\_\_, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_; that there was born to her on said  
 date a \_\_\_\_\_ child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (Male or female.)  
 named \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_.

Notary Public.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT.

**CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT OFFICE**

FEB 5 1903

This is to certify that the names of the following persons:

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In the event that said persons are finally enrolled as citizens of said Nation, a certificate of citizenship in the usual form will be used.

THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Enrollment Clerk.

## CHAPTER 1

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Frank Gibson, I. T. April, 16th 1901

In the matter of the application of Amy Lynch for the enrollment of herself, her mother and her child, as Cherokee Freedmen; She being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Amy Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A. 31.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll any one besides yourself? A. My mother, and little girl.  
Q How old is your little mother? A. I dont know her age.  
Q Is she infirm? A. Yes sir down with the rheumatism.  
Q This girl, what is she? A. My child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Lem Wolf.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir, I reckon so  
Q Give me your mothers name? A. Julie Taylor  
Q How long has your mother had the name of Taylor? A. That was her owners name.  
Q As far as you know she never went by any other name? A. No sir.  
Q How old is your mother? A. I cant tell  
Q How old as near as you can come? A. About 71.  
Q Has your mother ever lived anywhere except on the Cherokee Nation?  
Q She has no home, she lives backwards and forwards with her children  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q All her life as far as you know? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A. Nancy Lynch.  
Q How old is that child? A. 14.  
Q The child is living now is it? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did you marry your husband Lynch? A. I dont know what year.  
Q Have you been married more than once? A. No sir.  
Q Were you married before this child was born? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long before? A. I think I was about 14 years old.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Charley Lynch.  
Q Is he living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Does he live with you? A. Yes sir.  
Q You and he are separated are you? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been separated? A. Seven years.  
Q Did he leave you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was he ever married to you under a Cherokee license? A. I dont know I guess so.  
Q Was he claiming to be a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant had her mother identified thereon as follows: Page 815, #2364, Amy Taylor, Tahlequah district.  
Page 815, #2363, Julia Taylor, Tahlequah district,

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1316, #309, Annie Lynch, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1316, #510, Nancy Lynch, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1325, #556, Julia Taylor, Tahlequah district.

- Q Your name is on the 1896 roll as Annie, it ought to be Amy? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there some one here who knows that you lived with Charley Lynch as his wife? A. Yes sir all those Tahlequah folks knows.

FRANK PACK, called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

Amy Lynch, 3.

- Q What is your name? A. Frank Pack.  
Q How old are you? A. 40.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Amy Lynch? A. Yes sir.  
Q Her maiden name was Taylor? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who did she marry? A. Charles Lynch.  
Q They were married as good many years ago were they? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did they continue to live together for some time as husband and wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have they been separated of late years? A. Yes sir.  
Q And she still goes by the name of Lynch? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r OR' Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrolment of herself, her mother, and one child. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed now for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant's change of name arising from her marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony. The name of her child, Nancy Lynch is duly identified on the roll of 1896, the child is now living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant is permitted to apply for her mother because of her extreme age and infirmities. Her mother, Julie Taylor is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant states that her mother has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life as far as she knows, and certainly as far back as the applicant can remember, and the applicant is now thirtyone years of age. Julie Taylor will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 16, 1901*  
 Post Office *Tah. 21*  
 District *Tah.*

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents;

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

1 \* Name of wife *Amy Lynch* Age *31*

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year *1880* Page *815* No. *2364* District *Tah.*

Parents:

Father *Sam Wolfe - dead* Citizenship .....

Mother *Judy Taylor - living* Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

2 *	<i>Nancy Taylor</i>	Year <i>1880</i>	Page <i>316</i>	No. <i>310</i>	Dist. <i>Tah.</i>	<i>14</i>
3 *	<i>Judy Taylor</i>	Year <i>1880</i>	Page <i>815</i>	No. <i>2365</i>	Dist. <i>Tah.</i>	<i>71</i>
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Application made by .....

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*No. 1 - On 1880, coll as Amy Taylor*  
*No. 1 - 1846 " Page 1316 No. 307 - Tah. Dist.*  
*3 - 1855 " " " "*  
*3 - 1846 " Page 1325 - No. 556 - Tah. Dist.*

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., October 26, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Amy Lynch for the enrollment of herself, her daughter Nancy, and her mother Judy Taylor, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Columbus Lasley, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Columbus Lasley.  
Q How old are you? A 54.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Judy Taylor? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old is she? A She must be about 65 or 70; I couldn't say just how old.  
Q She got a daughter named Amy Lynch? A Yes sir; one named Patsy too.  
Q How long have you known Judy Taylor? A Ever since the War.  
Q Is that the name she goes by now? A I think so; I haven't heard of any other name.  
Q She lives in the Cherokee Nation now? A No, I think she lives in Muskogee.  
Q How long has she been in Muskogee? A She's been there some time.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 12th day of November, 1903.

Samuel Foreman,

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Amy Lynch, et al, for  
enrollment as freedman of the Cherokee Nation.

Amy Dehorn, being duly sworn and examined  
by the Commission, test fied as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Amy Dehorn.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled? A Amy Lynch.  
Q How old are you? A About 34.  
Q Where do you live? A Muskogee.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Wm. Dehorn. My first hus-  
band was named Charlie Lynch.  
Q Have you separated from your first husband? A Yes sir, 11 years  
ago.  
Q When were you married to Wm. Dehorn? A 2 years the 22nd of last  
May.  
Q That was the 22nd of May 1902? A Yes sir.  
Q Is William Dehorn a citizen or freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A No sir, he is a non-citizen.  
Q Are you living with him at the present time? A Yes sir.

I, J. F. Gaskill, being duly sworn state that as stenogra-  
pher for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded the  
foregoing proceedings and testimony and that the above is a true and  
correct transcript of my stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of aug 1904

Samuel Dorman.  
Notary Public.

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6. Several times in a week, 1980 to 1981, some of the birds were shot and killed.

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OFFICE OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Roach for the enrollment of himself, wife and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joseph Roach.  
Q Is that the way you sign it, Joe? A Joe; some puts it down Joe and some puts it Joseph.  
Q How do you put it down? A Joe; I don't write.  
Commissioner: Well, his name is Joseph.  
Q How old are you? A About 42 I reckon.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Dawson.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and five children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Fannie. Drew before I married her.  
Q What is her name now? A Fannie Roach.  
Q How old is she now? A About 36 I guess.  
Q Her post-office the same as yours? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Rose Drew.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q What are the names of the children? A The oldest child is named Patsy Roach.  
Q How old is Patsy? A About 15.  
Q Next child? A Maggie.  
Q How old is Maggie? A She is about 12.  
I guess; I have got their ages down here with me.  
(Hands Commissioner a paper)  
Q What is the name of the next one after Maggie? A Leroy, he is a boy.  
Q How old is he? A He is about eight or nine.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Florence.  
Q Six years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Next one is Lillie.  
Q How old is Lillie? A Three years old.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified the same as follows:  
page 574 #1565 Joseph Roach, Illinois District.

- Q Nancy Roach living? A No sir.  
Q She the mother of any of these children? A No sir.

1830 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation;  
page 94 #911 Fannie Drew, Cooweescoowee, adopted Colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified the same as follows:  
page 418 #519 Joseph Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #520 Fannie Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #521 Patsy Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #522 Maggie Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #523 Leroy Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #524 Flocie Roach, Cooweescoowee;

- Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes sir.

Joseph Roach et al 2

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself? A Yes sir.

Q Your wife also? A Yes sir.

Q Never lived out since 1880? A No sir, born and raised here.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Joseph Roach is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife, Fannie, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Fannie Drew, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Fannie Beach; the names of his children, Paty, Maggie and Leroy and Florence are found upon the census roll of 1896, and he makes satisfactory proof of birth as to his youngest child, Lillie whose name does not appear upon the roll; they are all duly identified according to page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Joseph Roach, his wife, Fannie Roach and their children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D. Green being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof

*M.D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. M. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1891

Post Office

District

1. Name Joseph Roach Age 42

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 574 No 1565 District All

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Fannie Roach Age 36

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 94 No. 911 District Co

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.	Patsy Roach	Year 1896	Page 418	No. 521	Dist. Co	15
4.	Maggie "	Year "	Page 418	No. 522	Dist. "	12
5.	Leroy "	Year "	Page 418	No. 523	Dist. "	9
6.	Florence "	Year "	Page 418	No. 524	Dist. "	16
7.	Lillie "	Year "	Page "	No. "	Dist. "	3
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Stenographer

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(1) - 96 Roll 418 # 519 Co

(2) - a 80 Roll as "Fannie Drew"

(2) - 96 " 418 # 520 Co

(3) - 96 Roll as "Patsy Roach"

(6) - 96 " " "Florence Roach"

(7) Affidant of Birth filed

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. #476

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Willie Roach

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved.

April 23 1901  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lillie Roach, born on the 6 day of November, 1897  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Joe Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Fannie Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Dawson, N.T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Fannie Roach, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by Blood of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Roach, who is a citizen, by  
Blood, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 6 day of November, 1897; that said child has been  
named Lillie Roach, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

J. P. Rimmer  
W. A. Stormaker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 1901.

Geo. H. Rowland  
Notary Public  
my Comm. Expires 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Ruby Westbrook, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mr. Fannie Roach, wife of Joe Roach,  
on the 6 day of November, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lillie Roach.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

J. P. Rimmer  
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Notary Public  
my Comm. Expires 1904

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Tahlequah, I. T. August 6, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Roach for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Fannie, and children Patsie, Maggie, Leroy, Florence and Lillie Roach as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Patsie Rouse, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Patsie Rouse.  
Q How old are you? A 18.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Dawson.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman, are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A John Rouse.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Are you and John Rouse living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A In 1903.  
Q What day? A 17th day of January.
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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of August, 1904.

J. P. Pearson  
Notary Public.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905 (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906, relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are enclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons.

The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
2440	6249	Winnie M. Williams
2442	6255	Hiram R. Williams
4261	10259	Reuben R. Tyner
4261	10263	New Wallace Tyner
4287	10318	Susie E. Gifford
4287	10319	William A. Gifford
4336	10387	Heeley Crawford
4344	10408	Frank Tibblew
4347	10414	Robert Ellis
4385	10481	Cloid R. Dawson

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
4392	10494	Clarence B. Walker
4400	10519	Mary Thornton
4436	10620	Frank Brown
4732	11357	George W. Lasley
4749	11388	Moses Ward
4892	11684	Jane Lewther
4923	11797	Mark Murray
4964	11872	Minnie P. Jackson
5093	9578	Elmer McGay
5133	12306	Katie Silk
5172	12400	Rosa Cary
5202	12477	Robert M. Adair
5280	28108	Betty Victory
5289	12678	Heman L. Foreman
5341	12784	Jess McClain
5364	12841	Elizabeth Ward
5392	12907	Felix Quinten
5423	12988	Willey V. Miser
5457	13055	Annie C. Lamsir
5676	13641	Susie Pigeon
7241	17221	Joseph Johnson
9754	21921	Wallace A. Coast
9784	21988	Pearl Polson
10284	29298	Richard R. Jordan
10767	31876	Clide Morgan

Cherokee Freedmen.

Card No.	Roll No.	Name.
476	1213	Fannie Roach
911	2207	Cora Foreman
911	2209	Harrison Foreman Jr.

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the

above named persons was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee advocate" and "The Claremore Messenger", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Claremore, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, 1906, and the first issue in "The Claremore Messenger" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of



citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial roll in its possession; and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Encl. H. J. - 215  
H. E. C.

Commissioner.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON

C O P Y

August 23, 1906.

The Honorable,  
The Secretary of the Interior.  
Sir:

I have the honor to transmit a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906) relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession

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of the Department and this office, and that he be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office and are transmitted herewith, the office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

P. E. Leupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 38 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

6249  
6255  
10263  
10263  
10316

Winnie M. Williams  
Hiram R. Williams  
Reuben R. Tyner  
Lew Wallace Tyner  
Susie E. Gifford

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.	Name.
10319	William A. Gifford
10387	Heoley Crawford
10408	Frank Tiblow
10414	Robert Ellis
10481	Clois R. Dawson
10494	Clarence B. Walker
10519	Mary Thawnton
10620	Frank Brown
11357	George W. Lasley
11385	Noses Ward
11684	Jane Lewther
11797	Mark Murray
11872	Ninnie F. Jackson.
9575	Elmer McCay
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13055	Annie C. Lenoir
13641	Susie Pigeon
17221	Joseph Johnson
21921	Wallace A. Coast
21988	Pearl Polsen
29295	Richard R. Jordan
31876	Clide Morgan

Cherokee Freedmen.

Roll No.	Name.
1213	Fannie Roach
2207	Cera Foreman
2209	Harrison Foreman Jr.

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

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Assistant Secretary.

Cherokee F.  
476.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 28, 1906.

Joseph Roach,  
Dawson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your wife, Fannie Roach, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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8-28-1906

Secretary of the Interior

Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir: In re enrollment of Fannie Roach, Cherokee Freedman.

I was employed about ten days ago by the heirs of Fannie Roach deceased to take up with the Department the matter of her allotment. On the 20th I addressed the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, I. T. , and received the following :

"In reply to your letter of August 20, you are advised the records of this office show that Fannie Roach, for whom application was made for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, died May 24, 1902. Her name has been included in a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the secretary of the Interior, opposite Number 1213, and on August 9, 1906, this office recommended to the Department that her name be stricken from said roll."

I desire to ascertain upon what ground this finding has been made, since your Department has placed said Fannie Roach upon the roll, and approved same; Why this change by the commission. The deceased, Fannie Roach is certainly entitled to an allotment. All her children, five in number, have received allotments and at this time to have this sudden change seems unjust. I suppose the entire record is now before your Department, and I would like to ascertain the exact status of this case so that these heirs may be heard in this matter. A judgment without a hearing is

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working a very great hardship upon these people . I should like to know on what ground the Commission made their recommendation. A party once upon the roll should remain, if all things have been regular.

Respectfully ,

(Signed) F. O. CAVITT

Cherokee Freedmen  
476

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 7, 1906

F. O. Cavitt,

Tulsa, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt, by reference of the Secretary of the Interior, of your letter of August 25, in further reference to the enrollment of Fannie Roach as a Cherokee freedman, and in which you ask to be informed why the Commissioner has recommended that the name of said Fannie Roach be stricken from the roll of Cherokee freedmen.

In reply you are advised that this office is in receipt of evidence in affidavit form evidencing the death of said Fannie Roach prior to September 1, 1902.

Section 31, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 ( 32 Stat., 716), in part provides:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of september, nineteen hundred and two."

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner



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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April 1915.

Commissioner.

And we, the undersigned, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the State of New York.

Respectfully,  
Residence:

Little Rock, Ark.

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Notary Public in and for the State of New York

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Tuxie Roach for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Tuxie Roach.  
Q How old are you? A About 27 I guess.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Dawson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and four children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Ella.  
Q How old is she? A About 26.  
Q She a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Nelson Webber.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Rose Drew.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q Now give me the names of your children. A Stella.  
Q How old is Stella? A Seven years old.  
Q Well? A And Oscar, he is four. Maggie, he is 2 years old; and the other one is named Bertha, 2 months old.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 574 #1562 Tuxy Roach, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;  
page 207 #3414 Ellen Webber, Cooweescoowee, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 418 #526 Tuxie Roach, Cooweescoowee District  
page 418 #527 Ella Roach Cooweescoowee  
page 418 #528 Stella Roach, Cooweescoowee;  
page 418 #529 Oscar Roach, Cooweescoowee;

- Q Are these children all alive and living at this time?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Tuxie Roach is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife Ella is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Ellen Webber, that having been her maiden name; and upon the census roll of 1896 as Ella Roach, her present name; the names of his two children Stella and Oscar are found upon the census roll of 1896; he presents satisfactory proof of birth of his two younger children which names do not appear upon the roll; and all in accordance with the testimony, make satisfactory proof as to his

Tuxie Roach et al 2

residence, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. M. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

APR 16 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date 1061 91 H.V. APR 16 1901

Post Office Dawson

District Co

1. Name Tuxie Roach Age 27

Owner's name Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 574 No. 1562 District Ill

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

2. Name of wife Ellen Roach Age 36

Owner's name Citizenship

Year Page 207 No. 3414 District Co

Parents:

Father Nelson Webber Citizenship Col O

Mother Rose Drew Citizenship Col O

Names of Children:

3.	Stella Roach	Year 1896	Page 415	No. 528	Dist. Co	7
4.	Oscar "	Year	Page 415	No. 529	Dist. Co	4
5.	Muggie "	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	9
6.	Bertie "	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	2 ms
7.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
8.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
9.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
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11.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	
12.		Year	Page	No.	Dist.	

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- (1) - Roll Tuxie Roach
- (1) - 96 Roll 415 # 526 Co
- (2) - 88 Roll as "Ellen Webber" }
- (2) - 96 " 415 # 527 Co - }
- (5) - Affidavit of Birth filed
- (6)

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. #491

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Muggie Coach

is a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved, April 25 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Waggie Roach born on the 27 day of April, 1898  
(here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Chas. Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ella Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Dawson, La.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Ella Roach, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Chas. Roach, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Chas. Roach, who is a citizen, by  
Chas. Roach, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of April, 1898; that said child has been  
named Waggie Roach, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Ella Roach

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 1901.

Wm. H. Westbrook  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
my comm. exp. 24 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern DISTRICT.

I, Wm. H. Westbrook, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ella Roach, wife of Chas. Roach,  
on the 27 day of April, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Waggie.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Wm. H. Westbrook  
Wm. H. Westbrook

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April, 1901.

Wm. H. Westbrook  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
my comm. exp. 24 1904



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN # 4997

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Betha Roach

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, April 25th

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Bertha Roach born on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Logg Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ella Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Dawson, Ga.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Barthons District.

I, Ella Roach, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Blond, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Logg Roach, who is a citizen, by  
Blond, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901; that said child has been  
named Bertha, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Ella Roach

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.  
Geo. H. Thompson  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dawson, Ga. 5/24/1901

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Barthons District.

I, Fannie Roach, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ella Roach, wife of Logg Roach,  
on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Bertha Roach.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
Geo. H. Thompson  
F. J. Quinn

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.  
Geo. H. Thompson  
NOTARY PUBLIC  
Dawson, Ga. 5/24/1901

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Sw. subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of 1901.

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M.D. Green, being that with sworn states that Eastern Creek, in the

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themselves and were classified as blood as to residence, and  
might be found in the census roll of 1880; then are given  
the names of the children, James, Edward, Frank and John  
for 1880; and upon the enrollment of 1880; and 1880;  
was with the mother of the children that he could be  
enrolled as a child; he was first his wife's name

Witnessed and sworn to for the children's

Commissioner

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alfred Wright for the enrollment of four children, LAURA, ED, FRANK AND JOHN WRIGHT, as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alfred Wright.  
Q How old are you? A About 45.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled in any other nation?  
A I belong to the Choctaw Nation.  
Q You don't apply to be enrolled here then? A Yes.  
Q You want to get enrolled here? A Yes sir, I would like to get enrolled.  
Q Well; if you are a Choctaw you can't be enrolled as a Cherokee then can you? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? A My children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Alice Mackey before I married her.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q How old would she be now? A 25.  
Q What is her father's name? A Charles Mackey.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q What was her mother's name? A I don't know.  
Q Is she living? A No, she is dead.  
Q Give me the names of these children? A Maggie.  
Q How old is Maggie? A She is about 25; she is dead.  
Q Well, give me the oldest child's name that's living? A Well that one he is married, 22.  
Q Now I want those under 21 years of age? A Well, there is one 17, Laura Wright.  
Q What is the next one? A Ed.  
Q How old is Edward? A About 16.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Frank.  
Q How old is Frank? A About 15.  
Q Well, next one? A John.  
Q How old is he? A 12.  
Q Name of the next one? A That's all.  
Q Just four under 21? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified thereon as follows:  
page 55 #1539 Alice Wright, Canadian District; adopted colored;

- Q How long has your wife been dead? A About 12 years I guess.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 970 #752 Laura Wright, Illinois District;  
page 970 #753 Eddie Wright, Illinois District;  
page 970 #754 Frank Wright, Illinois District;  
page 970 #755 John Wright, Illinois District.

- Q Where are these children living? A In Illinois District.  
Q You live in Illinois District? A Yes sir.  
Q Children all alive are they? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children all the children of your wife, Alice?  
A That's right.

Commissioner Needles: Alfred Wright applies for the

Alfred Wright for four children 2

enrollment of four children; he avers that his wife's name was Alice; she is the mother of the children that he applies for; her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; the names of the four children, Laura, Edward, Frank and John Wright are found upon the census roll of 1896; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

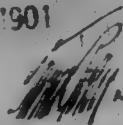
*md Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. M. Munn*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date ~~APR 16 1901~~ APR 16 1901Post Office *Nian*District *Ill*1. Name *John Alfred Wright* Age *45*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

1.	<i>Maggie Laura Wright</i>	Year <i>1896</i>	Page <i>970</i>	No. <i>752</i>	Dist. <i>Ill</i>	<i>17</i>
2.	<i>Edward Wright</i>	Year <i>97</i>	Page <i>970</i>	No. <i>753</i>	Dist. <i>Ill</i>	<i>16</i>
3.	<i>Frank</i>	Year <i>97</i>	Page <i>970</i>	No. <i>754</i>	Dist. <i>Ill</i>	<i>13</i>
4.	<i>John</i>	Year <i>97</i>	Page <i>970</i>	No. <i>755</i>	Dist. <i>Ill</i>	<i>12</i>
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Application made by *Alfred Wright* Stenographer *Green M. D.**(1) on 96 Roll as "Eddie Wright"*



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ollie Roach

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

July 1

1902

Commissioner.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Ollie Roach, born on the 7 day of September, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Samuel Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Laura Roach, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Braggs

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Laura Roach, on oath state that I am 18  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Samuel Roach, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 7 day of September, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Ollie Roach, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Whites.)

W. H. Wallace  
JOE M. Faray

Laura <sup>her</sup> Roach  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June, 1902.

Prace B Jones  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Thompson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Laura Roach, wife of Samuel Roach,  
 on the 7 day of September, 1901; that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
 named Ollie Roach.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Whites.)

W. H. Wallace  
JOE M. Faray

Susan <sup>her</sup> Thompson  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of June, 1902.

Prace B Jones  
 Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., December 10, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Laura Wright for the enrollment of herself, her brothers, Edward, Frank and John Wright and daughter, Ollie Roach, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Samuel Roach, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Samuel Roach.  
Q How old are you? A 25 I guess.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Braggs.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Have you married since you enrolled? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Laura Wright, was her name.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q When were you married? A It must have been in the year of 1902 along in the Spring if I mistake not.  
Q You are not sure whether it was February or March? A No, I can't say for certain.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes'm.
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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of December, 1904.

Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

Cherokee 7-478

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 25, 1902.

Laura Roach,

In care of Samuel Roach,

Braggs, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:-

When you supplied the Commission with birth affidavit in the matter of the application for the enrollment, as a Cherokee Freedman, of your infant child, Ollie Roach, you were advised that the application for the enrollment of this child would not be complete until the Commission had been furnished with the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate, showing your marriage to Samuel Roach.

This marriage license and certificate has not yet been received, and you are requested to forward same at once.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Cherokee Freedmen  
1307-478-1174.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 21, 1904.

C. E. Holderman,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt, by reference from the Secretary of the Interior, of your letter of November 4, asking to be advised as to the status of the application for the enrollment of Bessie and Grant Thompson and Laura Wright as Cherokee Freedmen.

In reply, you are advised that the names of the above named parties were placed upon a final schedule of Cherokee freedmen which was forwarded, on November 2, 1904, to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval. It is impossible for the Commission to state definitely when said schedule will be approved by the Secretary, but it is supposed that such action will be taken in the near future.

Respectfully,

*John D. Smith*  
Chairman.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen  
478-1174-1307.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 23, 1904.

C. E. Holderman,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt, by reference from the Secretary of the Interior, of your letter of November 4, asking to be advised as to the status of the application for the enrollment of Bessie and Grant Thompson and Laura Wright as Cherokee freedmen.

~~In reply, you are advised that the names of the above mentioned parties appear upon a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November 16, 1904, opposite numbers 3616, 3373 and 3291 respectively.~~

You are further advised that said persons will be permitted to appear before the Cherokee Land Office and make allotment selections as soon as their tickets of admission are reached in the regular order.

Respectfully,

*James C. Kirby*  
Chairman.

THOMAS B. HARRIS,  
C. R. HARRIS,  
W. A. HARRIS,  
HARRIS

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1904.

Laura Roach,


Vian, I. T.

Dear Madam:

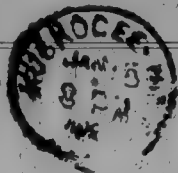
You are hereby advised that the name of yourself and  
your brothers, Edward, Frank and John Wright, and your daughter,  
Ollie Roach appear upon a partial roll of Cherokee  
freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November  
15, 1904.

You are further advised that you will be permitted  
to appear before the Cherokee Land Office at Tahlequah, Indian  
Territory, and select allotments for those whom you are entitled  
to represent when your ticket of admission is reached in the  
regular order.

Respectfully,



Chairman.





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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes

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as a Cherokee Freedman.  
 He is so registered, and he will be listed for enrollment  
 roll of 1880; he is now identified, and makes satisfactory  
 proof from the unexpired roll of 1880 as well as the current  
 Commission roll. The name of Charles Wright is

and also that Charles Wright, Little Rock District.

and also that identified the house as follows:

1880 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined  
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1880 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

Wright, John, was a Yes sir.

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 TO THE  
 CHIEF OF BUREAU  
 OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
 WASHINGTON

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charley Wright for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Charley Wright.  
Q That the way you sign it, Charley? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other nation to be enrolled? A No sir.  
Q Your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just me.  
Q What is your father's name? A Alf Wright.  
Q He a Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Alice Wright.  
Q She is not living? A No sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 55 #1541 Chas Wright, Canadian District.  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 970 #751 Charley Wright, Illinois District.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Charley Wright is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. H. Needles*

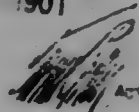
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

vian

District

Ill

1. Name

Charlie Wright

Age 22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page

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No.

1541

District

Ill Canadian

Parents:

Father

Alfred Wright

Citizenship

Cherokee Col.

Mother

Alice Wright

Citizenship

Cherokee Col.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Green M. D.

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"Charlie Wright"

(11) - 96 Roll

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Q. Was James M. Mendenhall, Illinois, a colored man?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was James M. Mendenhall, Illinois, a colored man?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was James M. Mendenhall, Illinois, a colored man?

A. Yes, sir.

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A. Yes, sir.

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A. Yes, sir.

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A. Yes, sir.

Q. Was James M. Mendenhall, Illinois, a colored man?

A. Yes, sir.



Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Foreman for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q What is your father's name? A Steven Foreman.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Dina.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Is your name James S.? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 532 #716 James S. Foreman, Illinois Dist, adopted colored

- Q You have got no S. in your name? A No sir.  
Q You just sign it James? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 949 #229 James Foreman, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of James Foreman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

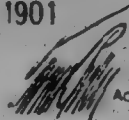
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*C. H. Needles*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

APR 16 1901

Date

Post Office

District

*Van*  
*Lee*

1. Name

*James Foreman*

Age *26*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1880*

Page *532* No. *716*

District

*Lee*

Parents:

Father

*Stephen Foreman*

Citizenship

*Col*

*D*

Mother

*Dela*

"

Citizenship

*Col*

*D*

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

*Lee*

Stenographer

*John H. D.*

*(1) - 80 Roll*

*(1) - 96 "*

*"James S. Foreman"*  
*949 # 229 Lee*

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about as George E. Freedman.  
could be proved to be George, and he will be listed for another  
1880 as Ned Glass; he is quite identified and names satisfied.  
upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of  
Congressman Needles. The name of Ned Glass is found

6 Born and raised there? Yes sir.  
6 You have always lived in the Green as mentioned? Yes sir.

6 George 220 1880 Ned Glass, Illinois District.  
and subsequently identified as Johnson as follows:  
1880 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation excluded.

6 Did they ever call you Ned? Yes sometimes.

6 George 220 1880 Ned Glass, Illinois District.  
excluded, and subsequently identified as follows:  
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

6 Your mother's name? John Wright.

6 Living? Yes sir.

6 What is your father's name? John Glass.

6 Who do you want to be identified as? Just myself.

6 Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? Yes sir.

6 Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? Yes  
sir. I have been.

6 Did you ever wish to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other  
Nation? No sir.

6 What do you wish to be enrolled as? A Cherokee Freedman? Yes sir.

6 What is your home address? Yes sir.

6 How old are you? Yes sir.

6 What is your name? Yes sir.

6 Enrolled by Congressman Needles, he testified as follows:  
Rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation; being sworn and ex-  
posed in the matter of the application of Ned Glass for the en-  
rollment of his name.

Commissioner of the Interior,  
Washington, D. C., April 18, 1901.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, T. T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Neal Glass for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Neal Glass.  
Q How old are you? A 24  
Q What is your post-office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A John Glass.  
Q Living? A No sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Ruth Wright.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 536 #788 Ned Glass, Illinois District.

- Q Did they ever call you Ned? A Sometimes.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 950 #277 Ned Glass, Illinois District.

- Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised there? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Neal Glass is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Ned Glass; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

*M. D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. A. Needles*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office ViannDistrict Ill1. Name Neal Glass Age 24

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 536 No. 788 District Ill

Parents:

Father John Glass Citizenship Col DMother Ruth Wright Citizenship Col

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by RollStenographer Green M D.

(11) - Roll as "Neal Glass"

(11) - 96 950 #276 Ill }



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and exhibited identical to the one as follows:

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 1830 roll names of the Chicago Police Department as follows:

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Is the name of the person as follows?

How old is the person as follows?

What is the name of the person as follows?

Is the name of the person as follows?

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Glass for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Samuel Glass.  
Q How old are you? A Thirty years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee nation as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q Any children? A No sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Fannie.  
Q How old is she? A 23 I believe.  
Q What is her father's name? A Henry Brown.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Jane Brown.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 535 #774 Samuel Glass, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;  
1890 roll page 5 #123 Fanny Brown, Canadian Dist, adopted col'd  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 950 #275 Samuel Glass Illinois District;  
page 950 #276 Fanny Glass, Illinois District/

- Q You have got no children? A No sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Samuel Glass is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 as well as the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife, Fannie is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 as Fannie Brown, her maiden name, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Fannie Glass; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*Commissioner*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office NanDistrict Ill1. Name Samuel Glass Age 90

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 535 No. 774 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Fannie Glass Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 5 No. 123 District Canada

Parents:

Father Henry Brown Citizenship ColMother Jane " " Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

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Application made by No 1,Stenographer Green M. S.(1) 96 Roll 950 # 275 Ill{ (2) 80 Roll as Fannie Brown{ (2) 96 Roll 950 # 276 Ill }

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susie Byrd for the enrollment of herself, eight minor children, and one stepchild as Cherokee Freedmen.

Susie Byrd, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Susie Byrd is my name now.
- Q How old are you? A As well as I can guess I am about 38 years old.
- Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.
- Q Do you live in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many, who all? A I want to enroll eight or nine children. (handing Commissioner paper.)
- Q Are they all your children? A All but one, one is a stepchild.
- Q How many children have you of your own? A Seven: eight with a girl I am raising.
- Q Seven children of your own and one girl you are bringing up?
- A Yes, sir, they are all on there.
- Q You apply for a husband? A No, sir.
- Q Just yourself and these eight children? A Just myself and children.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since I have been born.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A My father is John Evans.
- Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A As near as I can guess, about 15 years.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Evans.
- Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.
- Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.
- Q Give me the name of your first husband? A Alex Bean.
- Q Is he living or dead? A He is dead, been dead about 16 years.
- Q Was he a Cherokee freedman? A No, sir, he claimed the right but I don't think he got it.
- Q Are any of these children by him? A Two are by him.
- Q After he died you married again did you? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your next husband? A Henry Byrd.
- Q Is he dead? A No, sir, he is living; he is out here somewhere.
- Q You and he still living together? A Yes, sir.
- Q When did you marry him? A It has been about 15 years.
- Q You marry him about a year after your first husband died?
- A Yes, sir, me and him got a girl 14 years old.
- Q Is Henry Byrd a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir, raised in the Choctaw Nation.
- Q He doesn't claim anything in the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.
- Q Does he claim in the Choctaw Nation? A He don't never go to see nothing about it; he says he is a citizen there.
- Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you? A Yes, sir.
- Q Where did he get it? A He is out there, I don't know where he got it.
- Q Were you married in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir; he is out there, he can tell you.
- Q Give me the names of these children? A I have just got them put down on this paper.
- Q Give me their names the way you want them put down?
- A Amanda Byrd, she is 18 years old; John is 16.
- Q The next child? A Rosa, 14.
- Q The next child? A Melissa, 12; Emma, 10; Lawrence, 8.



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Q The next child? A My baby is about —  
Q What do you call the baby? A Castella, about 5 months old.  
Q How what is the name of the child you have taken up? A Her name is Henrietta Byrd, she is 19.  
Q This child Henrietta, who is the mother of that child? A Mary Rowe.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir, she is dead.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about 16 years ago as far as I can guess at it.  
Q What is the name of the father of that child? A Henry Byrd.  
Q Is that the Henry Byrd who is your husband? A She is my step-daughter.

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Henry Byrd, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Henry Byrd  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, about 48 I reckon.  
Q You are living in Tahlequah? A Yes, sir.  
Q And in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are the husband of this applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Three times.  
Q What was the name of your first wife? A Margaret Byrd.  
Q And your second wife? A Mary Rowe.  
Q This is your third wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your first wife dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she die before you married your second wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your second wife dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she die before you married your present wife? A Yes, sir;  
no, sir, me and her had parted.  
Q She is dead now, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you get a divorce from her when you parted from her? A Yes, sir  
Q Where did you get the divorce? A Tahlequah.  
  
Q Did you get out a license when you married this woman? A No, sir; for my first wife I did.  
Q You didn't get a license for this woman? A No, sir.  
Q You only got out a license when you married your first wife, Margaret? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was Mary Rowe a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q You got out a license then when you married your wife Margaret? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry your wife Margaret? A I don't know how long it has been.  
Q You married her some 31 years ago? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long did you and she live together? A Eight or nine or ten years I guess, as near as I can come at it.  
Q Was she living with you as your wife when the roll of 1880 was taken? A Margaret, yes, sir.

Susie Byrd, recalled, testified:

Q Were you ever married except to this husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times? A Twice.  
Q Who is here that knew you before you were married and has known you under the different names, any old neighbor here? A Yes, sir, Mose Ross; all these people.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Susie Byrd identified thereon, page 785, No. 688, Tahlequah district, as Susan Evans.



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Henry Byrd, recalled, testified:

- Q Were you and your wife living in different districts in 1880?  
A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever claim citizenship as a Cherokee? A No, sir, only by marriage.
- Q Did you ever claim by marriage? A No, sir.
- Q You never claimed to be a Cherokee citizen? A No, sir.
- Q What citizenship do you claim? A I was raised in the Choctaw Nation.
- Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Choctaw? A No, sir, I have never applied there at all; I left there directly after the war, and didn't go back any more.
- Q Do you propose to apply there? A I don't know, sir.
- Q Have you ever enrolled yourself on the Cherokee rolls? A No, sir.
- Q Never at all? A No, sir.
- Q So if there is a Henry Byrd there it isn't you? A No, sir.
- Q Was Mary Rowe married before she married you? A I think she had, she was a widow.
- Q What was her name when she married you? A They called her Mary Rowe.
- Q Why should she be put down as Buffington? A I don't know, sir.
- Q Was she ever called Buffington? A I don't know, sir, she lived in the upper district and she came down to Tahlequah and that is where I married her.

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Moses Ross, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brockinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A Moses Ross.
- Q How old are you? A 40 years old.
- Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.
- Q Do you know this woman here, Susan Byrd? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was her name as a child? A Susie Evans.
- Q Is she the daughter of Peelin Evans? A Yes, sir.
- Q Her mother was named Mary Evans? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was the name of her first husband? A Alex Bean.
- Q Did you know Mary Rowe, who was once married to this man here, Henry Byrd? A Yes, sir.
- Q Rowe was her maiden name, was it? A I don't know, sir.
- Q Did you know her as Mary Rowe? A Yes, sir, I knowed her by Mary Rowe.
- Q What was her other name she bore? A She would go by the name when she married of Mary Buffington.
- Q Why did she go by that name? A I thought she had been married to Buffington, but she had some children when she came down.
- Q How do you know she was ever called Rowe? A Well, she went by the name when she came here of Rowe.
- Q Was that before the roll of 1880 was made? A It was after.
- Q You don't know what her maiden name was? A No, sir, I don't.
- Q You don't know the name of her father and mother? A Rowe I think.
- Q Did you know her to be married to a man named Buffington? A No, sir, I didn't know that.
- Q How do you know she is the woman who was registered in 1880 as Buffington? A Because I had a child by her, that is the way I found it out, when I registered.
- Q She lived with you at one time? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did she live with you before or after 1880? A After.
- Q Did she go by your name for a while? A No, sir.
- Q She went by this man's name? A Yes, sir.
- Q You know she went by the name of Buffington for a while? A Not

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down here she didn't.

Q What do you know about her having the name of Buffington? A Because in enrolling my child I had to find her there, she was dead, she had been ~~married~~ dead about 15 years.

Q When you were enrolling your child later? A Yes, sir, and I couldn't find her there by Rowe, and another fellow there said she went by the name of Buffington, and she had a girl named Florence, and they enrolled that way, Buffington.

Q Was the child named Florence Buffington? A I think so.

Q And you found her enrolled with that child? A Yes, sir.

Q Did she ever tell you anything about her living with a man named Buffington? A No, sir.

Q What did this man tell you about her being named Buffington; did he say she had lived with a man named Buffington; the man you got your information from? A Yes, sir, he was a cousin of ~~his~~ hers.

Q What did he tell you about her being called Buffington.

A He said they would find her enrolled in 1880 as Buffington

Q Did he say why she was enrolled as Buffington? A No, sir, he didn't say.

Q He just simply said she was enrolled as Buffington? A Yes, sir.

Q And he didn't say she had lived with a man named Buffington?

A No, sir, he didn't say.

Q What I want to know is why this woman enrolled as Mary Buffington, whether she is the same woman as Mary Rowe? A Yes, sir.

Q It may be two different women for all I can tell? A Yes, sir, according to my understanding.

Q When did this woman, Mary Rowe, die, about 15 years ago? A No, sir, about 13 or 14 years ago, something like that.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name of Mary Rowe found thereon, page 250, No. 385, as Mary Buffington, Delaware district.

Q Is that child Florence still living? A I don't know for certain whether she is or not.

Henry Byrd, recalled, testified:

Q Did you ever know of your wife, Mary Rowe, being called Buffington? A I had heard it, I heard her husband was dead.

Q Do you know anything about this child Florence; do you know anything about that child? A Yes, sir.

Q Did she have a child named Florence? A Yes, sir, she lived with me when I married.

Q Is she child living now? A I think so, up in another district somewhere.

Q This is a child born before you married Mary Rowe? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Susie Byrd on page 1502, No. 51, Susan Bird, Tahlequah district; Henrietta Byrd on page 1502, No. 32, Tahlequah district, as Henrietta Bird.

Amanda Byrd on page 1502, No. 33, Tahlequah district, as Amanda Bird;

John Byrd on page 1502, No. 34, Tahlequah district, as John Bird;

Rosa Byrd on page 1502, No. 35, Tahlequah district, as Rosa Bird;

Malissa Byrd on page 1502, No. 36, Tahlequah district, as Malissa Bird;

Ema Byrd on page 1502, No. 37, Tahlequah district, as Ema Bird.

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By applicant: And Susie.

Q Does Susie come in there? A Yes, sir, Susie, 7; I don't expect you will find her on that roll, because they lost it, I didn't draw anything for her.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Susie Byrd identified thereon, page 1502, No. 45, Tahlequah district, as Susan Bird.

Q You have got then eight children of your own, and this child Henrietta makes nine altogether? A I told you I was guessing at it, I forgot.

Moses Ross, recalled, testified:

Q You know Henry Byrd here? A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was a boy.

Q How many times has he been married? A Been married three times now.

Q What was his first wife's name? A Margaret Byrd.

Q And then his second wife, who was she? A Mary Rowe, she went by the name of.

Q This is the same woman that you spoke of as Mary Buffington, who had a daughter Florence? A Yes, sir.

Q This Mary Rowe, she and Henry Byrd lived together for a while and then parted, didn't they? A Yes, sir.

Q Was there a ny children born of that marriage? A Yes, sir.

Q How many? A One.

Q That child living now? A Yes, sir.

Q What is that child's name? A Henrietta.

Q And that is the child known then as Henrietta Byrd? A Yes, sir.

Susie Byrd, recalled, testified:

Q Now the two oldest of these children, who is Amanda and John, are they children by your first husband? A Yes, sir.

Q But you have always enrolled them by your present husband's name?

A Always enrolled them that way.

Q And you want them known now as Byrd and not as Bean? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you want this child that you call Rosa put down as Rosa or Rose? A Rosanna is her right name; how did I give it?

Q Rosa? A Well, either that or Rose; how is it on the roll?

Q Rose? A Well, let it be that, I always hate to change their names, I am afraid it will get mixed up.

Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applied for the enrollment of herself and eight children and one stepchild. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony, and she will not be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The two children, Amanda and John Byrd, are the applicant's children by her first husband, whose name was Bean, but she stated that she has always enrolled them under the name of her present husband, and she desires them to be so enrolled at this time; therefore Amanda and John Byrd, being duly identified on the roll of 1896, and living at this time, will not be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

There are six children of the present marriage. Of these, Rosa, Malissa, Emma and Susie are duly identified on the roll of 1896, they are all living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth of the two younger children,

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Lawrence and Castellia Byrd, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The child, Henrietta Byrd, is the child of the applicant's husband by a former wife. The mother of this child is duly identified on the roll of 1880, and the fact of her marriage and the birth of this child of that marriage is established by the testimony of the child's father and other satisfactory personal testimony. The child's mother is dead, but the child, Henrietta Byrd, is duly identified on the roll of 1880, she is living and will also be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The applicant's husband states in the course of the examination that he has never considered himself a Cherokee citizen, and that he has never been enrolled. He claims that whatever rights he may possess are of the Cherokee Nation, but that he has not applied for his rights in that Nation. He makes no application for rights in the Cherokee Nation, and no action is taken with respect to him.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of April, 1901.

*Bruce C. Jones*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Post Office

Gallatin St.

District

Gallatin

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Susie Byrd

Age

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Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

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District

Gah

Parents:

Father

Freeland Evans - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Mary - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2	Amanda	Byrd	Year	1896	Page	1302	No.	33	Dist.	Tah	18
3	John	"	Year	"	Page	1302	No.	34	Dist.	"	16
4	Rosa	"	Year	"	Page	1302	No.	35	Dist.	"	14
5	Melissa	"	Year	"	Page	1302	No.	36	Dist.	"	12
6	Eunice	"	Year	"	Page	1302	No.	37	Dist.	"	10
7	Lawrence	"	Year	"	Page	"	No.	"	Dist.	"	3
8	Castella	"	Year	"	Page	"	No.	"	Dist.	"	5
9	Henrietta	"	Year	1896	Page	1302	No.	32	Dist.	Tah	19
10	Susie	"	Year	"	Page	1302	No.	43	Dist.	"	7
12			Year		Page		No.		Dist.		

Application made by

Susie Byrd

Stenographer

C. C. Jones

No. 1 On 1890 poll as Susan Evans  
 1 " 1896 " Page 1302 No. 31 - Tah  
 2 " 1896 " poll as Amanda Byrd  
 3 " 1896 " " " John  
 4 " 1896 " " " Rosa  
 5 " 1896 " " " Melissa  
 6 " 1896 " " " Eunice  
 9 " 1896 " " " Henrietta  
 10 " 1896 " " " Susan  
 7 & 10 affidavits to be supplied



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IN-RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

*Louise Bird*

AS A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN-RE application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Lawrence  
Bird born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of December 1897  
 Name of Father: Henry Bird, a citizen of the Cherokee  
 Nation. Name of Mother: Susie Bird, a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation. Post office: Tahlequah, A.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern DISTRICT.

Susie Bird on oath, state that I am 35 years of age and a  
 citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of  
Henry Bird who is a citizen of United States  
 Nation; that a Male child was born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
December 1897; that said child has been named Lawrence Bird and  
 is now living.

WITNESS TO MARK:

Must be two  
 Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of April 1904.

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern DISTRICT.

I Dina Rasso midwife on oath, state that I attended on Mrs.  
Susie Bird wife of Henry Bird  
 on the 15 day of December 1897; that there was born to her on said date a  
Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lawrence Bird

WITNESS TO MARK:

J. A. Hensley  
E. P. Parrie

Dina Rasso  
midwife

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1904.

Notary Public.



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IN-RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

*Castella Bird*

AS A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN-RE application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Cartella Bird  
Bird born on the 25 day of October 1900  
 Name of Father Henry Bird, a citizen of the Cherokee  
 Nation. Name of Mother Susie Bird, a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation. Post office Tahlequah, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northwestern DISTRICT.

I Susie Bird on oath, state that I am 35 years of age and a  
 citizen by adaptation of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of  
Henry Bird who is a citizen of United States  
 Nation; that a Female child was born to me on the 25 day of  
October 1900; that said child has been named Cartella Bird and  
 is now living. Rude Birch

WITNESS TO MARK:

Must be two  
Witnesses.Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of April 1900.J. B. Bayles

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northwestern DISTRICT.

I Betsy Greaser a midwife on oath, state that I attended on Mrs.  
Susie Bird wife of Henry Bird  
 on the 25 day of October 1900; that there was born to her on said date  
Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named, Cartella Bird

WITNESS TO MARK:

W. H. Chesnut  
Callie GetalBetsy Greaser  
midwifeSubscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900.J. B. Bayles

Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Amanda Beard*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

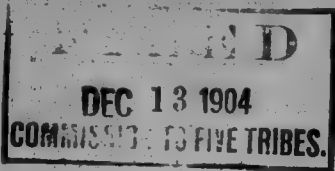
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Amanda Byrd  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at Pahleguath,  
(Here insert name of post office.) Ind. Ter., and died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
September, 1904.

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Northern District.

I, Susie Byrd, on oath state that I am about 40 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that my post office address is Pahleguath, Ind. Ter.; that I am the mother of Amanda Byrd,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; and that said Amanda Byrd died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1904.

WITNESSES

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Olie E. Drake  
Eva McElrigo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus

Notary Public

(B. E. Brown)

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Northern District.

I, Fannie Sander, on oath state that I am 21 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that my post office address is Pahleguath, Ind. Ter.; that I was personally acquainted with Amanda Byrd,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; and that said Amanda Byrd died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of September, 1904.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Olie E. Drake  
Eva McElrigo

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus

Notary Public

(B. E. Brown)

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lee Frankhaman (col)

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved,

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lee Frankhouser Jr, born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Lee Frankhouser, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Amanda Bjord, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Tahlequah, Ft.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northwestern District.

I, Amanda Bjord, col, on oath state that I am 19  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mr. husband, who is a citizen, by  
of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1901; that said child has been  
named Lee Frankhouser, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Amanda Bjord(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902D. S. Bayles

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northwestern District.

I, Mary Walker, Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Amanda Bjord, col, wife of Mr. husband,  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lee Frankhouser.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Brage Pochal  
Leell ThonneMary X Walker  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 7<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1902D. S. Bayles

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Lee Funkhouser*

a citizen of the


*Cherokee*

Nation.

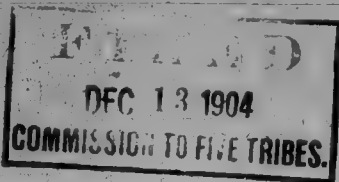
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lee Funschouser  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at \_\_\_\_\_  
Pahlequah, Ind. Ter., and died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1904.  
(Here insert name of post office.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Eusie Byrd, on oath state that I am about 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Pahlequah, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
the grand mother of Lee Funschouser  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Lee Funschouser died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES

Oliver Drake  
Eva M. Morgan  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus  
 Notary Public.  
 (3<sup>rd</sup> term)

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Fannie Sanders, on oath state that I am 21  
 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Pahlequah, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Lee Funschouser  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Lee Funschouser died on the 24<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

Oliver Drake  
Eva M. Morgan  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1904.

Wm. Rasmus  
 Notary Public.  
 (3<sup>rd</sup> term)



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Amanda Byrd

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

June 28"

1905

Commissioner.

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TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Amanda Byrd  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tahlequah Ind. Ter., and died on the 11 day of  
September, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Sussie Byrd, on oath state that I am 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Tahlequah Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
the mother of Amanda Byrd  
(State relationship: as the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation  
 and that said Amanda Byrd died on the 11 day of  
September, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

### WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Blomgren  
Em Morris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 1905

Johnson

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

### WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905

Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OFLee Jung Hauser  
a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

June 21

1904

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Lee Finkhauser  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tahlequah (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter., and died on the 22 day of  
May, 1904

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Susie Byrd, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Tahlequah (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the grandmother of Lee Finkhauser  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Lee Finkhauser died on the 22 day of  
May, 1904

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Oliver  
Tom Morris

Susie Byrd  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13 day of June, 1904

Johnson

Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 1, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Susie Byrd for the enrollment of herself and step-daughter, Henrietta Byrd, and children, Amanda, John, Rose, Malissa, Emma, Susie, Lawrence and Castella Byrd, and grand-child, Lee Funkhauser, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-483.

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HENRIETTA NELSON, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public, and examined by the Commissioner on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Henrietta Nelson.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Susie Byrd.  
Q Is she your mother or your step-mother? A Step-mother.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Henry Byrd.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Will Nelson.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A March 18.  
Q What year? A 1905.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

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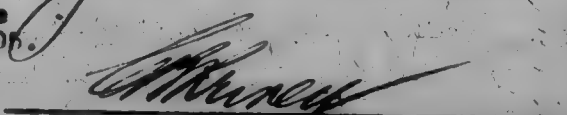
STATEMENT:

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. F-1231.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August, 1905.

  
  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskogee, I. T., March 29, 1906.

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CHEROKEE ALLOTMENT NO. F-1232.

In the matter of the application of Amanda Byrd to select certain land in the Cherokee Nation for her allotment.

W. H. MYRTLE appeared in his own proper person, and being duly sworn by Chas. E. Webster, Notary Public, and examined, testified as follows:

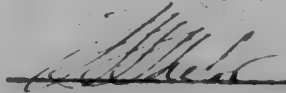
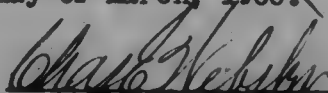
On behalf of the Commissioner:

Q	What is your name?	A. W. H. Myrtle.
Q	What is your age?	A Forty-four.
Q	What is your postoffice address?	A Muskogee, I. T.
Q	Are you a Cherokee Freedman?	A No sir; my wife is.
Q	What is your wife's name?	A Amanda Myrtle, when she died.
Q	Is she the same as Amanda Byrd?	A Yes sir.
Q	When did you marry her?	A April 15, 1902.
Q	When did your wife die?	A Septtember a year ago
Q	Did your wife complete her allotment before her death?	A Yes sir

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I, H. S. Shelor, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded the foregoing proceedings and testimony, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of March, 1906.

  
  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 10, 1902.

Mrs. Amanda Bird,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

When application was made to this Commission for your enrollment as a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation, your name was given as Amanda Byrd while in the affidavit which you send as to the birth of your child Lee Funkhouser, Jr., your name appears and you sign same as Amanda Bird. Will you please advise the Commission whether Bird or Byrd is your correct name and how you desire to be listed for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 22, 1902.

Mrs. Anania Byrd,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory,

Dear Madam:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter bearing date of April 16, in which you state that you desire to be listed for enrollment under the name of Anania Byrd.

The affidavit as to the birth of your child in which your name appears as Anania Bird is, therefore, returned to you herewith for correction. You are requested to have your name appear throughout the affidavit as Anania Byrd.

When the corrections referred to have been made, return the affidavit to the Commission at Muskogee where it will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Encl. B-108.



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Cherokee Freedmen  
No. 483.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 5, 1904.

Susie Byrd,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of affidavits executed by you on November 25, 1904, showing the death of Lee Funkhouser on May 24, 1904, and of Amanda Byrd on September 11, 1904.

The same being in due form will be filed with and made part of the record in this case.

Respectfully,

SIGNED *Jams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

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Commission for the Five Districts  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Harry Harlin for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Harry Harlin.  
Q How old are you? A I really can't tell exactly; I guess about 27 years old.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Gans, I.T.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A Thomas Harlin.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lucy.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follow:  
page 768 #1026 Harry Harlin, Tahlequah District, adopted col'd.

- 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1311 #204 Harry Harlin, Tahlequah District.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? Yes sir.  
Q You married? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your wife a Freedman? A No sir.  
Q No children? A No sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Harry Harlin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*C. K. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Harry Harlin

Age

27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1026

District

Tahl

Parents:

Father

Thos. Harlin

Citizenship

Mother

Lucy Ann

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

no 61

Stenographer

Green M D.

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Cher Fr 485

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 19, 1901.

True and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.  
Testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
M.D. Green being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the

will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Charles, and his two children, Benjamin and Cassie,  
as to land tenure, consequently William Benjamin and his wife  
they are all duly qualified and were satisfactorily heard of  
testimony, but are not found upon the census roll of 1880;  
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main and Cassie, are found upon the Keweenaw-Crittson  
census roll of 1880; the names of his two children, Benjamin  
phenotyped roll of 1880; their names are not found upon the  
Benjamin and his wife, Charles, are found upon the  
Commissioner, Indian Affairs: the names of William

6 Benjamin and Cassie are listed as Freedmen.  
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with the exception of the year 1880, in which year in which  
6 You have always lived in the Five Civilized Tribes, have you?

William Benjamin et al

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T. April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Landrum for the enrollment of himself, wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A I guess I am about 40 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A McLain.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Charity.  
Q How old is she? A She is about the same age.  
Q What was her father's name? A Dred Foreman.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Caroline.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A The oldest one is named Ben.  
Q How old is Ben? A He is 16.  
Q Next one? A Cassie.  
Q A girl is it? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Cassie? A Nine years old.  
Q Any other children? A No sir.

1330 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 551 #1078 Wm Landrum Illinois Dist adopted colored  
page 551 #1079 Charity Landrum, Illinois Dist, adopted col'd

- Q Were you enrolled in 1896, when they taken the census, five years ago? A No sir, I believe not.

1396 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant, nor wife, nor children found thereon.

- Q You didn't enroll your wife and family in 1896 then? A No sir I went and enrolled down there; I don't know exactly when it was we enrolled down there, in Canadian District, Cherokee Nation.  
Q Did you draw Strip money? A No sir, my wife and children drawed it, but I didn't get mine.  
Q Why? A I don't know; they left me off.  
Q Did you ever live in the Creek Nation? A I lived in Muskogee about ten years ago about two or three years.  
Q Lived there with your family? A No sir, I didn't have my family.  
Q Did you have a child named Sam? A Yes sir, he is dead.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 18 #437 Ben Landrum Canadian District  
page 18 #438 Cassie Landrum Canadian Dist

- Q What was your father's name? A George Landrum.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Cassie.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.

William Landrum et al

Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation then have you, with the exception of the year or two you lived in Muskogee?

A Yessir.

Q Benjamin and Cassie are alive? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The names of William Landrum and his wife, Charity, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; their names are not found upon the census roll of 1896; the names of his two children, Benjamin and Cassie, are found upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll according to page and number as indicated in the testimony, but are not found upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently William Landrum, and his wife, Charity, and his two children, Benjamin and Cassie, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 16, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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APR 16 1901

  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

M. L. A. M.

District

Canadian

1. Name

William Landrum

Age

40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1078

District Ill

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Charity Landrum

Age

40

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1079

District Ill

Parents:

Father

Ded Foreman

Citizenship

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Mother

Caroline

Citizenship

Cool

Names of Children:

3.

Benjamin Landrum

Year

K.C.

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No. 437

Dist. Canada

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4.

Cassie

Year

K.C.

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No. 438

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Application made by

R. L. S.

Stenographer

Green M. D.

(1) in 80 Roll a. "Ben Landrum"

(3) in K.C. Roll. "Ben Landrum"

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Charity Landrum

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Charity Landrum  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
McLain, Ind. Ter., and died on the 17 day of  
September, 1 904  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, William Landrum, on oath state that I am 43  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is McLain Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Charity Landrum,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Charity Landrum died on the 17 day of  
September, 1 904

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1 day of Oct 1904

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1904

Notary Public.

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 OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF BUREAU  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Starr for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Starr.  
Q How old are you? A 23 years old.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Checotah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Canadian.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir,  
all the time.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself alone.  
Q What was your father's name? A Oliver Starr.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Eliza Starr.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have a sister named Bertha? A No sir.  
Q Applicant: I have got two names; I go by Bud and John too.  
Q John is your right name at it? A No, I have got two names.  
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page 963 #564 John Starr, Illinois District.

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Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Aint married? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife a citizen? A She is in the Creek Nation.  
Q She ever apply to be enrolled in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this April 17th, 1901.

*Commissioner*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office ChacotaDistrict Canadian1. Name John StarrAge 23

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 581No. 1697District Del

Parents:

Father Oliver StarrCitizenship ColMother ElizaCitizenship Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

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Parents:

Father

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, F. T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Beulah Haddox for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Beulah Haddox.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What is your father's name? A Frank Vann.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Julia Vann.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A James Haddox.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.

1890 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's parents, and not identified.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 969 #738 Beulah Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Your father's name is Frank Vann and your mother is named Julia?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Where were you born? A In Tennessee.  
Q When did you come to the Cherokee Nation? A I came with my father Frank.  
Q Have you been living here ever since? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any children? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Beulah Haddox is found upon the census roll of 1896 by her maiden name, Beulah Vann; she is identified as the child of Frank and Julia Vann, and her father, Frank Vann, was listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on field card #8, his name not appearing upon the authenticated roll of 1890; her mother Julia Vann is a non-citizen, but satisfactory proof of marriage is made between her father, Frank, and her mother, Julia; she is duly identified as to residence, consequently, ~~Beulah Haddox~~ Beulah Haddox, that being her present name, she having married one James Haddox, a non-citizen, will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M. D. Freen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

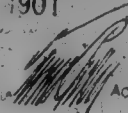
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Ill

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife Bentah Haddon

Age 20

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1896

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District Ill

Parents:

Father Frank Vann

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Mother Juba Vann

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Application made by no 61

Stenographer Green M. D

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"Bentah Vann"

To be filed with Cherokee F-487.

Cherokee Freedman 8.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., July 10, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Frank Vann for the enrollment of himself and his children, Lornie and Jesse Vann, as Cherokee freedmen.

No appearance on part of the Cherokee Nation; applicant appears in person.

Frank Vann, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Frank Vann.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, but I think I am about fifty-five or six along in there.  
Q Have you heretofore applied to this Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir, at Fort Gibson.  
Q Have you got a son named Lornie? A Yes sir.  
Q One named Jesse? A Yes sir.  
Q A daughter named Beulah Haddox? A Yes sir.  
Q Beulah applied for herself? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you on the roll of 1880? A No sir.  
Q Why aint you? A I was going to school when the '80 roll was made; I left home then.  
Q Where were you at school? A Nashville, Tennessee.  
Q How many years were you there at school? A I was there in 1879 and '80. I come home in the first, as near as I can remember, from school in '81; as near as I can remember in '81.  
Q That the only time you were out of the Cherokee Nation? A Oh, no, I was out before then. I come home in '66 the time of the war, you know, and my father and mother, we all came back together. We all belonged to the same man.  
Q After you come back in '66 the only time you have been out for any length of time was when you were off at school? A Yes sir.  
Q You spoke of your brother, Sank Vann, coming back with you, is he on the '80 roll? A Yes sir; he is my brother by my own father and mother.  
Q Are all the family on the '80 roll? A One girl is not on the '80 roll, - Mary Butler - she aint on that roll; she was away at the time, but her home was in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Who owned you during the war? A John Vann.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir, a Cherokee citizen.  
Q When did he die? A I can't tell you the date; I think he died here at the Seminary, I can't tell you positively.  
Q Did he die before or after 1880? A If my memory serves me right he died after 1880; I aint sure on that though.  
Q About how many years has he been dead, is he dead five years? A Yes.  
Q Has he been dead ten? A I couldn't tell you that; he has been dead over five. I can't tell you anything about the death of Vann. The letter requires that I prove that I belong to a Cherokee and I am trying to prove that.  
Q Do you know whether John Vann died before or after the 1880 roll was made? A I aint positive, I don't know.  
Q Did he die before or after you went off to school? A He didn't die before that I know of because I told you I don't know when Johnny Vann died, but I can prove to you that I belonged to John Vann.  
Q Can you prove that John Vann was a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir. His sister is living down here.

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Q What is his sister's name? A Dee Brewer.

They call her Delilah Brewer, Perry Brewer's wife.

Q Were you married after you went off to school? A I married while I was off, yes sir, I married while I was gone.

Q Did you bring your wife back with you? A Yes sir.

Q This daughter, Beulah Haddox, has she lived all her life in the Cherokee Nation? A No, I told Mr. Hastings that that girl was born in Tennessee and I brought her here a baby and I told Mr. Hastings that my wife was also a Tennessee woman.

Q Has Beulah lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you brought her here as a baby? A Yes sir, and she has never been out of the Cherokee Nation since then. I think Beulah Vann was born in Tennessee in '82.

Q What district did John Vann live in? A Canadian District, at Webbers Falls.

Q What is John Vann's mother's name? A Jennie Vann.

Q What is his sister's name? A He has a whole lot of sisters; he has one named Lilah, one named Sophia and one named Dee, Perry Brewer's wife, - and he had a brother named Henry and a brother named Jim. I know them from start to finish.

Q Don't you know whether John Vann was dead before you came back from school or not? A I can't remember.

Q Did you ever see him after the war? A Yes sir, I saw him after the war, he run a ferry boat. Mr. Ross down here knows Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ross knew John Vann and I can get them right here in town.

Q When did you say this girl Beulah was born? A She was born in Tennessee.

Q What year? A I have it in my valise up yonder, but I think it was in 1881, but it might have been in '82. I can go and bring the record down here.

Q Was the John Vann you belonged to ever a judge of any court in the Cherokee Nation? A Why, yes, sir, he was judge as near as I can remember of the Supreme Court; I can't remember the year, he was the son of Jennie Vann.

Robert B. Ross, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Robert B. Ross.

Q How old are you? A I am in my fifty-eighth year.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Parkhill at present.

Q Are you enrolled by this Commission as a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know this man, Frank Vann? A Yes sir.

Q You have heard his testimony as to who owned him before the war, have you? A Yes sir, only what he stated here just now; I don't know his testimony.

Q Did you know the John Vann to whom he said he belonged? A Yes sir.

Q When did he die? A Why, I can't recollect the year, but it was some time before '80.

Q Was he a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Has he any brothers or sisters living now? A None that I know of unless it is Jennie Vann. I don't know whether she is living or not.

Q The John Vann to whom he said he belonged was always recognized as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q The family were? A Yes sir.

Q Well known as citizens of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir; they lived in Canadian District.

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Sank Vann, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sank Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age, I judge about forty-five.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you enrolled by this Commission as a Cherokee freedman?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Frank Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Any kin to you? A My brother.  
Q Full brother? A Yes sir, that is what the old folks says is all I know about it.  
Q Both of you belonged to the same man before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was that? A John Vann.  
Q Is he dead now? A Yes sir.  
Q When did he die? A I don't know, he has been dead a good while.  
Q Did he die before 1880? A Well, sir, I don't know whether he did or not, I couldn't tell you that. If I aint mistaken he died out here at this Female Seminary.  
Q Was he sometimes known as Judge Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q What Court was he Judge of? A He was Judge, I believe, if I aint mistaken, the Supreme Court Judge, I believe. I wont be sure about that.  
Q He was always recognized as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, was he, prior to his death? A Yes sir, always was.  
Q Why isn't Frank on the 1880 roll? A Why he was in Tennessee going to school.  
Q How many years was he off to school? A I couldn't tell you that, I don't remember.  
Q About how many? A I haven't any idea because I was -- I couldn't tell you how long he was off at school.

Sarah Vann, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About sixty.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you enrolled by the Commission as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Frank Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he any kin to you? A Yes sir.  
Q What kin? A Our mothers were sisters.  
Q Who did he belong to before the war? A John Vann.  
Q Is John Vann dead now? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you belong to? A John Vann.  
Q The same one? A Yes sir.  
Q Did John Vann die before 1880? A I couldn't tell you that.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q He was always recognized as a Cherokee citizen, was he? A Yes sir.

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A copy of the foregoing testimony will be made a part of the record in the application of Beulah Haddox, Cherokee F-487, for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. Rothberg*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of July, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*A. J. W.*

In the matter of the application of Frank Vann et al.,  
for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applica-  
tions of

Frank Vann, et al.,  
Mary Butler,  
Beulah Haddox,

Cherokee Freedmen 8,  
Cherokee Freedmen 71,  
Cherokee Freedmen 487.

DECISION.

The record herein shows that applications for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen were made to this Commission by Frank Vann for himself and minor children, Lonnie and Jesse Vann; by Mary Butler for herself; and by Beulah Haddox for herself.

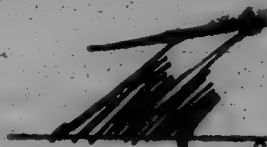
The evidence herein shows that the applicants, Frank Vann and Mary Butler, are full brother and sister, and were the slaves of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion; that they, together with their parents, were taken out of the Cherokee Nation during said rebellion, but, together with their said parents, returned thereto, and established a residence therein, within the time specified in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee, etc., vs. the Cherokee Nation et al., for the return of freedmen to the Cherokee Nation, and, except as below noted, have since continuously resided in said Nation. It appears that during the years 1879, 1880 and 1881, the two last above named applicants, for the purpose of attending school, resided outside the limits of the Indian Territory, but it is not considered that their rights to citizenship in the Cherokee Nation were forfeited thereby. The applicants, Lonnie and Jesse Vann and Beulah Haddox, are children of the said Frank Vann, and are bona fide resident citizens of the Cherokee Nation. All the applicants herein are duly identified on the Cherokee census roll of 1896.

Caleb and Maria Vann, both deceased, father and mother of the applicants, Frank Vann and Mary Butler, are duly identified on the Cherokee authenticated tribal roll of 1880.

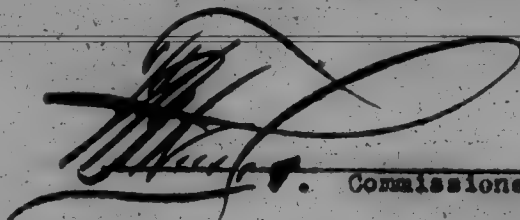


It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Frank Vann, Lonnie Vann, Jesse Vann, Mary Butler and Beulah Haddox, should be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and it is so ordered.

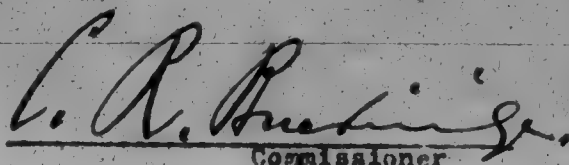
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.



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Commissioner



Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this FEB 24 1905



Cherokee F-487.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 8, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Beulah Haddox, Cherokee F-487, for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

There was transmitted this day, the record in the case of Frank Vann et al., Cherokee F-8. Beulah Haddox is the daughter of Frank Vann and claims through her father. The status of the latter is therefore referred to as affecting that of the applicant herein.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

Enc. R-48.

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Tahlequah, Indian Territory, June 1, 1903.

Beulah Haddox,

Pt. Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby notified that before your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman will be complete, it will be necessary for you to introduce before this Commission further evidence as to whether either of your parents was a slave of a Cherokee citizen, and also as to your residence in the Cherokee Nation.

This evidence can be presented before the Cherokee Land Office of this Commission at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, on or before June 30, 1903. When you appear please present this letter.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM HIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. E. BRIDGEMAN

WM. O. BEALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ENTER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 18, 1904

Beulah Haddox,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of October 14, asking to be advised as to the status of your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

In reply you are advised that the Commission has not yet rendered a decision in your case. When a decision has been prepared you will be furnished with a copy.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen  
No. 487.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 21, 1904.

Beulah Haddox,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of November 5, asking to be advised as to the status of your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

In reply you are advised that the Commission has not yet rendered a decision in the matter of your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

You are further advised that you will not be permitted to make an allotment selection until your name has been placed upon a final schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) *Tame Bixby.*  
Chairman.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 8, et al.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 24, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 24, 1905, granting the applications for the enrollment of Frank Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be given fifteen days from date hereof within which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the Commission in this case, copies of which you will be required to furnish the principal applicants. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Incl. 3-64.

Chairman.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 437.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 16, 1905.

Beulah Haddox,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 24, 1905, granting, among others, the application for your enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

You are advised that you will not be permitted to make an allotment selection until your name has been placed upon a final schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which action you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

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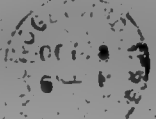
SIGNED: *Tame Bixby.*  
Chairman.



Department of the Interior.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 11, 1901.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Cornelia Drew for the enrollment of herself and sister as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Cornelia Starks Drew.  
Q How old are you? A I guess I am about 23.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Webbers Falls.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My sister.  
Q What is her name? A Amanda Drew.  
Q How old is she? A I don't know her age exactly.  
Q Is she younger than you? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A James Drew.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your mother's name? A Ellen.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A No sir.  
Q No children? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not identified thereon.  
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's parents, and identified them:  
page 12 #326 James Drew, Canadian District, adopted colored;

- Q How long has your mother Ellen been dead? A I don't know; she has been dead a good while.  
Q Do you recollect her? A Yes sir, I don't think she was on the roll.  
Q Was she the mother of Mollie and Witty? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a full sister to Mollie and Witty? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 947 #175 Cornelia Drew, Illinois District.

- Q Did Willie and Witty have the same mother you did? A Yes sir.  
Q They were your own brothers and sisters? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 947 #177 Mandy Drew, Illinois District, 16 years old.

- Q How much older than are you than Amanda? A I don't know sir.  
Q Two or three years? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Colbert living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he younger than you or older? A He is younger.  
Q Is Amanda living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she here? A No sir, she is sick and unable to come.

Commissioner Needles: The names of Cornelia Drew and Amanda Drew are found upon the census roll of 1896; they are duly identified as the children of James Drew and his wife; name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; they make satisfactory proof as to residence, and said Cornelia and Amanda Drew will be rightly so enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen.

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as Drew will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 27, 1901.

*M. D. Green*  
*Commissioner.*

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SOLICITOR GENERAL

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

Ellen Campbell Webber Hall

District

Canadian

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Cornelia DrewAge 23

Owners name

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James Drew

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Ellen Drew

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Names of Children:

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Green M D.

(1) - 96 Roll

"Cornelia Drew"

(1) - 96 Roll

"Mandy Drew"

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., December 20 19, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Cornelia Drew and her sister Amanda Drew.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

CORNELIA CRABTREE, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Cornelia Crabtree.  
Q How old are you? A About 26 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Russell.  
Q Was your postoffice Webbers Falls when you were enrolled? A Yes.  
Q Have you a sister named Amanda Drew? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A James Crabtree.  
Q Is this he? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? (No response)  
Q Your husband states July 20, 1902. Is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in his case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of December, 1904.

*William P. Drew*  
Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Georgia Foreman for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Georgia Foreman, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Georgia Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 36 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Nowata.  
Q In what district do you live? A Gooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Myself and two children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A George Goldsby.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't exactly know, 10 or 12 years.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Her name is Ellen Lynch now.  
Q She is living then? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name back in 1880? A Ellen Beck; Ellen Goldsby was her name when she married my father.  
Q Was she still a Goldsby in 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been married to her husband Lynch? A Eight or nine years.  
Q You have been married, haven't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times? A Twice.  
Q To whom were you married the first time? A Mose Brown.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q When did you marry him? A About 12 years ago.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead 6 years.  
Q Was he a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your second husband? A John Foreman.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he living with you now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for him? A He will enroll for himself.  
Q Has he already enrolled? A No, sir, he is coming in when his mother comes down to-day.  
Q Where is he? A He is here on the ground or else at the shop in town.  
Q He expects to apply for himself? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry John Foreman? A I married him about four years ago.  
Q Give me the name of your children? A Gertrude and Marcus.  
Q Gertrude Foreman? A Gertrude Brown.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 11 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Marcus Trainor.  
Q How old is that child? A 5 years old.  
Q Were you ever married to a man named Trainor? A No, sir.  
Q Is that your own child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Not an adopted child? A No, sir; he was enrolled on the Schrimsher roll as Trainor.  
Q How old is your husband, John Foreman? A He is 27 I believe, or 28 this coming fall.  
Q Give me the name of his father? A Harrison Foreman.  
Q Is he dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your husband's mother? A Caroline Foreman.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q Has your husband lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life?

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A Yes, sir.

Q Are these two children both living now that you have given me here? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you want your child Marcus Trainor enrolled under your present name, by that of Foreman or Brown? A I would rather they would put it the same.

Q Your name was Brown at the time that child was born? A Yes, sir.

Q Your mother was named Beck before she was named Goldsby, was she? A Yes, sir.

Q And she kept the name of Beck when she enrolled in 1880? A Yes, sir.

Q Then you are on the roll of 1880 as Georgia Beck? A Yes, sir. The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 512, No. 509, Illinois district, as Georgia Ellen Beck; no age or nationality given. John Foreman on 1880 Cherokee roll page 897, No. 535, Sequoyah district, as Johnie Foreman, native Cherokee; note on roll opposite his family, "From reliable information this family are of negro descent."

Q What was your name in 1896? A It was Brown, my mother enrolled me then.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 397, No. 47, Cooweescoowee district, as Georgia Ellen Beck.

Q You have an "E" in your name, haven't you? A Yes, sir. Gertrude Brown on page 397, No. 47, Cooweescoowee district, as Gertrude Brown; Marcus Brown on page 421, No. 579, Cooweescoowee district, as Mart Trainor; John Foreman on page 403, No. 151, Cooweescoowee district; (Maud Brown, on 1896 roll, enrolled with Ellen Lynch.)

Q What has become of that child Mattie Foreman? A Her people has Mattie, that isn't my child.

Q Her people will enroll that child? A Yes, sir, or he will, I don't know which.

Q Who is this child Mattie living with? A It is living close to Tulsa, but I don't know just who with; some of its mother's people; I haven't seen it since it was about six or seven years old; I think its father means to enroll it.

James S. Davenport, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge; testified as follows:

Q Give your full name? A James S. Davenport.

Q How old are you? A 36 years old.

Q What is your post office? A Vinita.

Q You are one of the representatives of the Cherokee Nation in the Council? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know this woman, Georgia E. Foreman? A Yes, sir, I know her.

Q How long have you known her? A I have known her now about 8 or 10 years, something like that.

Q Do you know of her ever having been married to a man named Brown? A I know it was represented that they was married, and they lived and always went by the name of Brown; I know it was reported that she and Brown married.

Q Prior to the time she married Foreman? A Yes, sir.

Q What name did she have before she married Brown? A Well, I never knew her before she married Brown, but her mother went by the name of Goldsby or Beck, either one.

Q She could have been enrolled either as Goldsby or Beck? A Yes, sir.

Q How about her having a child before she married Foreman and after she lived with Brown? A Yes, sir, she had a child, I remember she was at a trial at Claremore when the baby was an infant, and only one

Georgia Foreman - 3.

or two months old, along in 1895 or the latter part of 1896.

Q What did she call that child? A The father was represented to be a man named Trainor; she was Georgia Brown herself when it was born.

Q She gives in the name of that child as Marcus Trainor, and says that is her own child, and she wants it enrolled under the name she bore at the time it was born, namely Brown? A She has the child at that time, there is no doubt about it.

Q You believe this is her child? A She has it nursing it at that time; she represented it to be her child.

Q It was represented and recognized as her child? A Yes, sir.

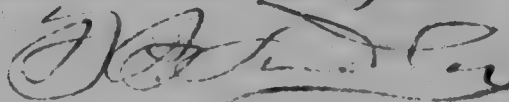
Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, and in the course of the application it is considered advisable to include the application also of her husband.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896, on the first roll without a statement of nationality, and on the latter roll as a Cherokee Freedman, which classification she claims. Her change of name arising from marriage are explained in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony, she is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her husband, John Foreman, is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee, with a memorandum stating that he is believed to be a freedman, and he is on the roll of 1896 as a freedman. He is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The child Gertrude Brown is identified on the roll of 1896, is living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The child Marcus Brown is identified on the roll of 1896 as Marcus Trainor. It is shown in a satisfactory manner that it is the natural child of the applicant, and she desires that the child be enrolled under the name that she bore at the time it was born. It is living, and this child will not be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman under the name of Marcus Brown.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 16th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 16, 1961

Post Office

Amata St.

District

Cherokee

1. Name

John Foreman

Age

27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

535

District

Sag.

Parents:

Father

Harrison Foreman - living

Citizenship

Cher. Freedman

Mother

Caroline

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Georgia Foreman

Age

26

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

369

District

Sag.

Parents:

Father

Geo. Goldsby - dead

Citizenship

non cit.

Mother

Ellen Lynch - living

Citizenship

Cher. Freedman

Names of Children:

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Gertrude Brown

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Application made by

Stenographer

1. In 1890 poll as John Foreman

1-1 1896 # Page 403 No. 151 - Co. 2-2

2. In 1890 poll as Georgia Ellen Beck

2-1 1896 " Page 397 No. 46 - Co. 2-2

3. " 1896 " as

Gertrude Brown

4. " 1896 " "

Mark Trainor



Tahlequah, Indian Territory, September 18, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

As directed in Commission's letter of September 18, there are enclosed herewith the original jackets and records in Cherokee Freedmen cases, #768, Jordan Thompson, and #489, John Foreman.

Reference is made to Cherokee Freedmen D-217 and R-36.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Julia Cravens for the enrollment of her child, LIZZIE WALKER, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Cravens being sworn and examined by Commissioner G. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Julia Cravens.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your post office? A Webbers Falls.  
Q Is that Canadian District? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A My father ain't no citizen.  
Q What was his name? A George Green.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Delia Green.  
Q Is your mother living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A William Cravens.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married before? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your name before you were married to Cravens? A Julia Walker.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? A For my child.  
Q Aren't you a Freedman yourself? A No, sir.  
Q What is your child's name? A Lizzie Walker.  
Q How old is she? A Five years old.  
Q What was your husband's name? A William Walker.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q Was he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married to him? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are not a citizen yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Have you any proof of your marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q Please present it? A I forgot to bring it.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's former husband's name found thereon, page 606, #2266, Wm. Walker, Illinois Dist.  
The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's child's name found thereon, page 970, #757, Lizzie Walker, Illinois District.

- Q Is Lizzie Walker living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did your husband, William Walker, live in the Cherokee Nation until his death? A Yes, sir.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Were you ever married before you married William Walker?  
A No, sir.  
Q Was he ever married before? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:)) Julia Cravens applies for the enrollment of her daughter, Lizzie Walker. She avers that she is a non-citizen; her maiden name was Julia Green, and that she was married to one William Walker, a citizen, Cherokee Freedman, and the name of William Walker is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, now deceased. The name of Lizzie Walker, for whom applicant applies, is found upon the census roll of 1896. Said Lizzie makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. It will be necessary for the applicant, Julia Cravens, to file with this Commission a certificate of marriage between herself and William Walker, in order to complete the enrollment of said Lizzie Walker.

Lizzie Walker--2.

J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Reason

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

C. M. ...

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office Webbers HallDistrict Canadian

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Julia to Craven Age 28

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father George Green Citizenship ColMother Lelia Green Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

(1) Lizzie Walker Year 1896 Page 970 No. 757 Dist. Ill 5yrs

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by to Julia Craven Stenographer Roscoe J.O.Office Proof of Marriage of William Walker & Julia Walker (parent) to be filed.

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Dear Sir  
I am in a hurry to  
write you to certify  
that on the 30th day of Dec  
1891 I did solemnize the rites  
and publish banns of matrimony  
between Mr Will Hite &  
Hesterall and Miss  
Green at the same place

Witness my hand this  
30th day of Dec 89

Rev J. H. Taylor Minister  
of the Gospel

My Credentials are recorded in the  
office of the Clerk of the District Court  
Ind. in Northern District Book A  
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SUPPLEMENTAL: Card 490, Lizzie Walker.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lizzie Walker for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;  
Fannie Walker, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Fannie Walker.

Commissioner: Certificate of marriage is presented here certifying that Mr. Will Wright was married to Miss Julia Ann Green, on the 30th day of December, 1894.

- Q Do you know this William Wright? A That's my son.  
Q What is his proper name? A His proper name is Willie Walker.  
Q How did it happen that the certificate was made out to William Wright? A Because he went by his grand-pa's name, but of course his right name, his father was Billy Walker.  
Q Is William Wright and William Walker one and the same person?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And he is the one that married Julia Ann Green? A Yes sir.  
Q And the father of Lizzie Walker? A Yes sir.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q Was this child born while they were living together as husband and wife? A After he died.  
Q How long? A About two months; he got drowned.

M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*C. H. Hastings*  
Commissioner.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Notes thereon.

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They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
PORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nan Mackey for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Mackey being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nan Mackey.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age exactly, but I say about 47 years old, as near as I can guess.  
Q What is your post office address? A McLain.  
Q What district do you live in? A In Canadian.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Eva Mackey.  
Q One child? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is Eva? A 13 years old.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Did you ever live in Illinois? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 559, #1275, Fan McKee, Illinois District.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

- Q Were you and your child enrolled in 1896, five years ago? A Yes, sir, Eva and Liza and Nan Mackey are all together.

BY L. D. BELL, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Were there two Nan Mackeys? A No, sir.  
Q How old were you in 1880? A I don't know exactly, but I call myself 47 years old.  
Q You were quite a young woman then, was not you? A I guess I must have been younger than I am now.  
Q Did you enroll with any family or just yourself; do you recollect now about enrolling in 1880? A Yes, sir, I remember all the rolls and I am on all the rolls unless my name has been lost.  
Q Were you a wife of Dennis Mackey? A Roswell Mackey's wife.

Kerns-Clifton Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 53, #1314, Nan Mackey, Illinois District.

Page 53, #1317, Eva Mackey, Illinois District.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q All your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this child Eva living? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Nan Mackey is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Fan McKee and is duly identified as Nan Mackey. Her name is ~~found~~ not found upon the census-roll of 1896, but is found on the Kerns-Clifton pay roll. The name of her child, Eva, is found upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll.


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They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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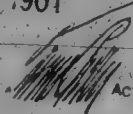
J. O. Benson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 16 1901

Post Office

McLain

District

Canadian

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Nan Mackey

Age

47

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1275

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

Eva Mackey

Year

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No.

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

Rosa J. O.

{ (1) in K.C. Roll 53 #1314 Ill }  
 { (1) in 80 Roll "Nan McKee" }

and the following has in the above entitled case, the following  
 D.C. DeWitt, on behalf of the United States, as Agent, Chicago, Ill.

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and the following has in the above entitled case, the following  
 D.C. DeWitt, on behalf of the United States, as Agent, Chicago, Ill.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
 Department of the Interior  
 Muskogee, I. T., June 30, 1902.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., June 30, 1902.

In the matter of the application of JAMES STARR, ET AL.,  
for enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

EMMET STARR, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission,  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Emmet Starr.  
Q What is your age? A Thirty one years.  
Q What is your post office address? A Claremore, I. T.  
Q Are you a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir, I am.  
Q For whom do you desire to make application for enrollment?  
A For the following named persons on the 1896 Cherokee roll,  
their families and descendants:

Q Are there any other persons for whom you desire to make appli-  
cation for enrollment?

A I desire to apply for the following named persons on the 1880  
Cherokee roll, their families and their descendants:

Nan Mackey, Page 559, #1274, Illinois District.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the  
testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that  
the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes  
thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5 day of August, 1902

*J. H. Renter*  
Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskogee, April 13, 1906.

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CARD NO. 491--Allotment No. F-1252.

In the matter of the application of Eva Phillips, enrolled as Eva Mackey, to complete her allotment in the Cherokee Nation.

Eva Phillips appeared in her own proper person, and being duly sworn by Chas. E. Webster, Notary Public, and examined, testified as follows:

On behalf of the Commissioner:

Q	What is your name?	A	Eva Phillips.
Q	How old are you?	A	Nineteen.
Q	What is your postoffice address?	A	Checotah.
Q	Are you a Cherokee Freedman?	A	Yes sir.
Q	Have you married since you first filed?	A	Yes sir.
Q	Who did you marry?	A	James Phillips.
Q	Is he a Cherokee Freedman?	A	No sir.
Q	You and him living together now?	A	No sir.
Q	Have you separated?	A	Yes sir.
Q	Have you got a divorce?	A	No sir, not yet.
Q	You appear here now to complete your filing	A	Yes sir.
Q	Have you land from which to complete it?	A	Yes sir.
Q	Where is it located at?	A	8 miles from Porum.
Q	What improvements are on it?	A	None.
Q	Public domain, is it?	A	Yes sir.
Q	Are you in possession of this land?	A	No sir.
Q	When did you marry James Phillips?	A	May 18, 1904.

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I, H. S. Shelor, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded the foregoing proceedings and testimony, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1906.

  
Notary Public.



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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

In open court.

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Lepner to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he collected  
J. O. Roason, being first duly sworn, states that as aforesaid.

Annie Hamilton--S.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Annie Hamilton for the enrollment of herself and ~~three~~ children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Hamilton being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Annie Hamilton.  
Q How old are you? A About 23.  
Q What is your post office address? A McLain town.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Nan Mackey.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was that your mother here a few moments ago? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children, three children.  
Q What are your children's names? A The oldest one is named Roswell Hamilton, he is four years old.  
Q The next one? A Squirrel, he is three years old.  
Q Well, the next one? A Nanie.  
Q How old is Nanie? A She is nine months old.  
Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Price Hamilton.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q He is a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 559, #1277, Annie McKee, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never lived outside of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you got any proof of birth made out for these children?  
A No, sir.  
Q These children are all alive and you are the mother? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Annie Hamilton is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Annie McKee. Her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. She avers that she has three children by her present husband, Price Hamilton, whom she avers is a non-citizen. The names of her children, to-wit: Roswell, Squirrel and Nanie, are not found upon the census roll of 1896, they having been born after said roll was compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Annie Hamilton and her children, as enumerated herein, will ~~not~~ be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of her said three children, it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof of their birth.

Annie Hamilton--2.

J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*C. McKinstry*


Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office

McLain

District

Canadian

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife Annie Hamilton

Age 23

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1277

District

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Parents:

Father

Roswell Mackey Mackey

Citizenship

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Mother

Nan Mackey

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

	Year	Page	No.	Dist.
2 Roswell Hamilton				4
3 Squirrel				3
4 Nanie				9 months
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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

Ross J. O.

(1) a 80 Roll "Annie Mackey"

(2)

Affidavit of Birth to be filed

(3)

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Russell Hamilton

is a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

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Approved,

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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Roswell Hamilton, born on the 10 day of September, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Price Hamilton, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Annie Hamilton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Mc Nam, S. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Annie Hamilton, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Price Hamilton, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of September, 1896 that said child has been  
named Roswell Hamilton, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

J. P. Bledsoe  
J. P. Thompson

Annie Hamilton  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern

District.

I, Nan Mackey, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Annie Hamilton, wife of Price Hamilton  
on the 10 day of September, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Roswell Hamilton.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

J. P. Bledsoe  
J. P. Thompson

Nan Mackey  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Squirrel Hamilton

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

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*Charles*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the X Cherokee Nation,  
of Squirrel Hamilton, born on the 20 day of February, 1898  
(Here, insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Price Hamilton, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Annie Hamilton, a citizen of the X Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Maple Grove, S. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Annie Hamilton, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Price Hamilton, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 20 day of February, 1898; that said child has been  
named Squirrel Hamilton, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Annie Hamilton  
mark  
J. B. Bledsoe  
J. I. Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901  
Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Nau Mackey, a midwife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Annie Hamilton, wife of Price Hamilton  
on the 20 day of February, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Squirrel Hamilton, her  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Nau Mackey  
mark  
J. B. Bledsoe  
J. I. Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901  
Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Marie Hamilton

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Marie Hamilton, born on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1900.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Price Hamilton, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Annie Hamilton, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: McLean, D. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Annie Hamilton, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Price Hamilton, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 14 day of July, 1900, that said child has been  
named Marie Hamilton, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

Louis T. Bracon  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nan Mackey, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Annie Hamilton, wife of Price Hamilton,  
on the 14 day of July, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Marie Hamilton.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of April, 1901.

Louis T. Bracon  
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Q Is she still living? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is married isn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well now give me the names of the two younger Caldwell children?  
A I think one is named Sallie.  
Q And then the second one is what? A I never noticed what is the name.  
Q What would you call her if you met her? How old is the one above Sallie? A Sallie the youngest? A Yes, sir. Sallie is the youngest.  
Q About how old is Sallie? A Looks like about 10 years old.  
Q And the next one is about how old? Just a little older than Sallie.  
Q Well, looks like it? I never noticed them.  
Q Did you ever hear the child, the older one, called Corrine or Corrine? A Well that is Sallie's sister.  
Q Corrine is the sister of Sallie? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Brockbridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and three minor children. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerna-Clegg roll. She is not identified on the roll of 1898, but states that she ought to be on that roll, claims that she gave in her name, and states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her changes of name arising from marriage are accounted for in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her husband, Lawson Logan is, she states, not a Cherokee Freedman, but a state Freedman, and she further testifies that he married her under a United States license. He is not identified on the roll of 1898, and it is considered under the testimony that he has no standing which gives the Commission jurisdiction in his case, and therefore only a memorandum will be made of his application, and he will be listed for rejection for lack of jurisdiction. The decision of the Commission when finally rendered will be communicated to the Secretary of the Interior and it be approved of the same that will be final in the case. The applicant's oldest child for whom application is now made is the child of her first husband, and this child, Charles Jones, being duly identified on the roll of 1898 and now living, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The two younger children, Corrine and Sallie Caldwell, are children of her second husband. They are identified on the Kerna-Clegg roll, are now living, and in view of the status of their mother they are considered entitled to enrollment and will be now listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Logan for the enrollment of herself, her husband and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Nancy Logan, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Nancy Logan.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know my age, about 50 I reckon.
- Q What is your post office? A Gann.
- Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.
- Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My children.
- Q How many children? A I have got seven.
- Q They are all living now, are they? A Yes, sir.
- Q All of them under 21 years of age? A No, sir.
- Q Are some of them over 21? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many? A Six.
- Q Six over 21? A There are three over; they are all over excepting some little ones.
- Q You will apply then for four children and then those three that are more than 21 will have to apply for themselves; now those four younger children, are they married? A No, sir; there are three of them unmarried, and the other one is married.
- Q So you have got three children unmarried and under 21? A Yes, sir.
- Q So you will apply for three? A Yes, sir.
- Q You don't apply for a husband? A Yes, sir.
- Q You apply for yourself, your husband and three minor unmarried children? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born and raised in the Cherokee Nation.
- Q You have lived here all your life, have you? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A I don't know my father's name, he died when I was small.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A My mother died when I was small.
- Q How many times have you been married? A I have been married three times.
- Q To whom were you married the first time? A Feelin Jones.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A Well, he has been dead quite a while, I can't tell just exactly how long.
- Q More than 20 years? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who was your second husband? A Joshua Caldwell.
- Q Is he dead? A No, sir, he is living.
- Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your third husband? A Lawson Logan.
- Q What was your name when you married Feelin Jones? A Nancy Benge.
- Q That was your name when a girl? A Yes, sir, Nancy Benge.
- Q When did you marry Lawson Logan? A I married him five years ago.
- Q He is living now, is he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir, a state man.
- Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you? A Yes, sir, I reckon; his license came from Muskogee.
- Q He got a United States license? A Yes, sir, they came from Muskogee, and of course he had to send them back to Muskogee after I and him married.
- Q So he got a United States license? A Yes, sir.
- Q And he didn't marry you then under a Cherokee license, but he married you under a United States license. That wouldn't give him any right to enrollment. Give me the names of these three children, the



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younger children, that are not married? A Charles Jones.

Q How old is he? A He is 20.

Q Now the next child? A Rena Caldwell, 10 years old.

Q Now the next child? A Sallie Caldwell.

Q How old is that child? A 3.

Q That is all? A Yes, sir.

Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.

Q Who is the father of this child Rena Caldwell? A Joshua Caldwell.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant, Nancy Logan, identified thereon, page 704, No. 696, Sequoyah district, as Nancy Jones.

The Kerne-Clifton pay-roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Nancy Logan on page 96, No. 2397, Sequoyah district, as Nancy Jones;

Rena Caldwell on page 96, No. 2400, Sequoyah district, as Corrine Jones;

Q What is this child's name? A Corrine.

Sallie Caldwell on page 96, No. 2401, Sequoyah district, as Sallie Jones.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and none of the applicants identified thereon, except Charles Jones, page 1124, No. 80.

Q How comes it you and your children are not on the roll of 1896?

A I don't know, sir.

Q Do you remember giving in your name? A Yes, sir.

Q Since the Kerne-Clifton roll? A Yes, sir, I gave in my name on all the rolls.

Q Is there anybody here now who knew you before you married your husband Jones, and knows that you were called Caldwell, and that your name is Logan now? A Yes, sir.

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Andy Crossland, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Andy Crossland.

Q How old are you? A 74.

Q What is your post office? A McKey.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born in the Cherokee Nation and been here all the time.

Q Do you know this woman here, Nancy Logan? A Yes, sir, that is my first cousin.

Q What is the name of her present husband? A Jones.

Q Is her husband named Jones now; her present husband? A His name is Logan now.

Q Lawson Logan? A Yes, sir.

Q Was she married twice before that? A Yes, sir, she married twice.

Q What was her name when she married Logan; you don't remember what her second husband's name was? A Caldwell.

Q Then she had a husband before that? A Well that is the first one, Jones.

Q Now she has some children, has she, that are the children of her first husband Jones? A Yes, sir.

Q And she has some children of her second husband, Caldwell?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you remember the names of these two children; what is the name of the youngest of the Jones children? A Charles Jones.

Q And what are the names of the Caldwell children? A The biggest one is named Mary.

Q Has she got any other name; how many Caldwell children are there? A Three.



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- Q Is she still living? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is married isn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well now give me the names of the two younger Caldwell children?  
A I think one is named Sallie.  
Q And then the second one is what? A I never noticed what is its name.  
Q What would you call her if you met her; how old is the one above Sallie; is Sallie the youngest? A Yes, sir, Sallie is the youngest.  
Q About how old is Sallie? A Looks like about 10 years old.  
Q And the next one is about how old; just a little older than Sallie? A Well, looks like it; I never noticed them.  
Q Did you ever hear the child, the older one, called Corrine or Rena? A Well that is Sallie's sister.  
Corrine is the sister of Sallie? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and three minor children. The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll. She is not identified on the roll of 1896, but states that she ought to be on that roll, claims that she gave in her name, and states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her changes of name arising from marriage are accounted for in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her husband, Lawson Logan is, she states, not a Cherokee Freedman, but a state freedman, and she further testifies that he married her under a United States license. He is not identified on the roll of 1896, and it is considered under the testimony that he has no standing which gives the Commission jurisdiction in his case, and therefore only a memorandum will be made of his application, and he will be listed for rejection for lack of jurisdiction. The decision of the Commission when finally rendered will be communicated to the Secretary of the Interior and if he approves of the same that will be final in the case. The applicant's oldest child for whom application is now made is the child of her first husband, and this child, Charles Jones, being duly identified on the roll of 1896 and now living, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The two younger children, Corrine and Sallie Caldwell, are children of her second husband. They are identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll, are now living, and in view of the status of their mother they are considered entitled to enrollment and will be now listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 16, 1901

Post Office

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1 X Name of wife

Mancy Logan

Age

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Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1885

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District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2 Charles Jones

Year

1896

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3 Edmund Caldwell

Year

1895

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4 Sallie

Year

1895

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Dist.

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Application made by

Mancy Logan

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

1 Copy of roll as Mancy Jones

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3 " " " " as Copied Jones

4 " " " " Sallie

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Ind. Ter., July 23, 1907.

Cherokee Freedman  
Card No. 493  
Roll 1259.

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In the matter of the application for the selection of an allotment in the Cherokee Nation for Corrine Wright, enrolled as Corrine Caldwell.

CORRINE WRIGHT being first duly sworn by John E. Tidwell, a notary public, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commissioner:

- Q What is your name? A Corrine Wright.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly.  
Q The records of this office show you to be about seventeen years of age; is that about your age? A I don't know. I reckon it is.  
Q Where do you live? A Benson Park here.  
Q Is your post office Muskogee? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Nancy Logan.  
Q Have you a sister named Sallie Caldwell? A Yes sir.  
Q And a brother named Charles Jones? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A Two months ago.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Henry Wright.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, he's Choctaw.  
Q You were enrolled as Corrine Caldwell were you? A Yes sir.

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Albert G. McMillan being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the date above given and that the foregoing is a true and correct translation of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Albert G. McMillan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of July, 1907.

*John E. Tidwell*  
Notary Public.

Cherokee D-493

Vinita, Indian Territory, February 20th, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith transmitted a copy of the supplemental testimony taken by direction of the Secretary of the Interior in departmental letter of November 25th, 1902, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Leticia E. Goddard, Cherokee D-493.

There is also enclosed copies of departmental letters of November 13th and November 25th, 1902.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

Enc. C-27.  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

Notes thereof.

Foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic record of the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the same is correct.

J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenog-

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not appearing upon any of the rolls.

Her father's testimony, proof of their birth, their names went of said Jones and Sam Butler, it will be necessary for Butler by her first husband, Maxey Butler, will be enrolled as Robert Melven, a non-citizen of the Cherokee Nation; consequently identified. She avers that her present husband is one they make satisfactory proof as to residence and all of the rolls of the rolls in the possession of this Commission. Their names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, not Butler by whom she has two children, Jones and Sam, and Bessie Thornton and that her first husband was one Maxey census roll of 1896. She avers that her maiden name was the authenticated roll of 1896, but is not found upon the COMMISSIONER'S--The name of Bessie Melven is found upon

Bessie Melven, et al.--S.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Peggie Malven for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Malven being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Peggie Malven.  
Q How old are you? A 27.  
Q What is your post office address? A McLain.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, Thornton was my maiden name.  
Q What is your father's name? A Seymour, I think he went as Mathis, he is dead.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Nan Mackey.  
Q Your mother's name is Nan Mackey? A Yes, sir, she was here a while ago.  
Q Are you married now? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Robert Malven.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and two children.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Mr. Malven? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your first husband's name? A Maxey Butler.  
Q What are your two children's names? A Lone Butler.  
Q How old is Lone? A Eleven years old, he will be 12 the 22d of August.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Sam Butler.  
Q How old is he? A Eight years old.  
Q What was your husband's Butler's given name? A Maxey.  
Q You say your name is on the roll of 1880 as Thornton?  
A Yes, sir, that is my maiden name.  
Q How did your name happen to be Thornton when your father's name was Mathis? A That is the way they got us on the roll, that was his name--Thornton.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 594, #1999, Peggy Thornton, Illinois District.

- Q Where were you married the first time? A We married in Muskogee.  
Q That was to Burler? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you married the second time? A We haven't been married but about six months, we married in Muskogee, I live in McLain.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A Never got it for my children, just drew for myself.  
Q Why didn't you get it for these children? A Had one's age down 56 and one 57, that's what Mr. Hastings, the man that paid off the money, said.  
Q Dixon? A Yes, sir.  
Q Would not pay it? A No, sir; he would not give it to me.  
Q Lone and Sam Butler are your children? A Yes, sir.  
Q You are the mother of them? A Yes, sir.  
Q Their father's name was Maxey Butler? A Yes, sir.  
Q He was a non-citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children alive and living with you at this time?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You say their names are not on any of the rolls? A No, sir.



Pettis Malven, et al.—2.

CORR. EXHIBIT:—The name of Peggie Mavel is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890, but is not found upon the census roll of 1896. She avers that her maiden name was Peggie Thurston and that her first husband was one Mancey Butler by whom she has two children, Lema and Sam, and their names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, nor upon any of the rolls in the possession of this Commission. They make satisfactory proof as to residence and all duly identified. She avers that her present husband is one Robert Malven, a non-citizen of the Cherokee Nation; consequently Peggie Malven and her two children, Lema and Sam Butler by her first husband, Mancey Butler, will be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of said Lema and Sam Butler, it will be necessary for her to file satisfactory proof of their birth, their names not appearing upon any of the rolls.

J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 th day of April, 1901.

*W. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901Post Office McLainDistrict Canada

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Peggie Malen Age 27

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 594 No. 1999 District Ill

Parents:

Father Seymour H. Nathan Citizenship ColMother Nan Mackey Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

2.	<u>Lore Butler</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	12
3.	<u>Sam Butler</u>	Year	Page	No.	Dist.	8
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Application made by no 11Stenographer Roscoe J. O.

{ (1) a Roll as "Peggy Thornton" (Peggy Thornton) }

(2) Affidant of Birth to be filed

(3) " " " " " "

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*George Butler*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Hone Butler, born on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August, 1889.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Maxey Butler, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Peggie Mahon, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, McLean, D.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northham District.

I, Peggie Mahon, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I <sup>was</sup> the lawful wife of Maxey Butler, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August, 1889; that said child has been  
named Hone Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

16 day of April1901Louis H. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northham District.

I, Nam Mackey, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Peggie Mahon, wife of Maxey Butler,  
on the 22<sup>d</sup> day of August, 1889, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Hone Butler.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

16 day of April1901Nam Mackey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Sam Butler

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

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W. H. H. H.  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
of Sam Butler, born on the March day of 1892  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Mary Butler, a citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Name of Mother: Peggie Malvern, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, McLain I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Peggie Malvern, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I <sup>was</sup> the lawful wife of Mary Butler, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Choctaw Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 21 day of March 1892 that said child has been  
named Sam Butler, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Peggie Malvern  
mark  
J. P. Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April 1901  
Louis T. Brown  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nan Mackey, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Peggie Malvern, wife of Mary Butler  
on the 21 day of March 1892 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Sam Butler.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Nan Mackey  
mark  
J. P. Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of April 1901  
Louis T. Brown  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, March 21st, 1903.

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In the matter of the application of Peggie Malven }  
for the enrollment of herself and children, }  
Lone and Sam Butler, as Cherokee Freedmen. } Cherokee F-494.  
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Peggie Malven, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Peggie Malven.  
Q. How old are you? A. 29.  
Q. What is your post office? A. Chetotah.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Where were you born? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q. Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation all your life?  
A. Yes, sir; backwards and forth.  
Q. Where? A. From the Cherokee Nation to the Creek Nation.  
Q. You have never been outside of the Indian Territory?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Are you married? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is your husband's name? A. Robert Malven.  
Q. Is he a Freedman? A. No, sir; he is Creek.  
Q. Creek Freedman? A. He is a Creek Freedman; yes, sir.  
Q. Have you any children? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What are their names? A. Lone and Sam Butler. Not of  
this man I am with now.  
Q. What is their father's name? A. Maxey Butler.  
Q. What was he, a Freeman? A. No, he was a state man.  
Q. He is dead? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How old are these children? A. Lone is 13.  
Q. How old is Sam? A. 12.  
Q. Have they been living with you all their lives?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Still living with you? A. Yes, sir.

Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above  
entitled case and that the foregoing is a true and complete  
transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of May, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr*  
*Samuel Foreman,*  
Notary Public.

REPLY IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

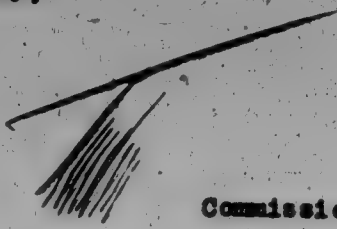
Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Chief Clerk,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the name of Paulina Malvern, daughter of Robert Malvern, a Creek Freedman, and Heggy Malvern, an alleged citizen of the Cherokee Nation, is contained in partial schedule of new born freedmen (March 3, 1905) of the Creek Nation, approved by the Secretary of the Interior July 1, 1905, opposite roll number 15.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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Thompson. Her name is not found upon the census roll of

CONFIRMATION:--The name of Alice Sango is found upon the

examined and abridged, a name not found thereon.

The 1880 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

Q What was your name in 1880? A Five years ago. A Alice Sango.

Q 1888? A Alice Thompson, Illinois District.

Nation examined and abridged, a name found thereon, bega-

Q Are you married now? A No, sir.

Q Where were you born? A Here in Fort Gibson.

Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Does your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir. I

or Nation? A No, sir.

Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman or any other title?

Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Your maiden name was Thompson was it? A Yes, sir.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Q What was your mother's name? A New Koker.

Q What was your father's name? A Samuel Thompson.

Q In what district do you live? A Illinois, but I live in

Q What is your post office? A Mole in town.

Q What is your age? A The last census was 30 years

Q What is your name? A Alice Sango

mistaken. I. B. Needles, testified as follows:

as a Cherokee Freedman; said Sango being sworn and examined by Com-

mission to the Black Claimed Tribes,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

JOHN GIBSON, I. B. Needles, 1801.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alice Sango for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Sango being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alice Sango.  
Q What is your age? A The way Mama estimates it, I am 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A McLain Town.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois, but I live in Canadian now.  
Q What was your father's name? A Seymour Thornton.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Nan Mackey.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir; he is dead, my father.  
Q Your mother is living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your maiden name was Thornton was it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No, one besides myself.  
Q Does your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir, I guess so.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you born? A Here in Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you married now? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 594, #1998, Alice Thornton, Illinois District.

- Q What was your name in 1896, five years ago? A Alice Sango.

The 1896 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Alice Sango is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, by her maiden name, Alice Thornton. Her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

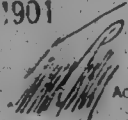
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office McLain

District 1st Canadian

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife

Alice & Sango.

Age 30

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1998

District 1st

Parents:

Father

Seymour Thornton

Citizenship Col

Mother

Mar Macleay

Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Ross J. O.

(1) on 1880 Roll as "Alice Thornton"

(2) ~~on 1880~~ "

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listed for enrollment as a colored freedman.

Stiles C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Berlone for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Mary Berlone, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name please? A Mary Berlone.  
Q How old are you? A 15 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Gann.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Josh Caldwell.  
Q Where is he, is he dead? A No, sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nancy Logan.  
Q She is living? A Yes, sir.  
Q She isn't living with your father now? A No, sir.  
Q She is married to a man named Logan? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name in 1880, Jones? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was that your mother who was enrolled here just before you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You are married are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry? A I don't know exactly when I was married.  
Q About how long ago? A About two weeks.  
Q To whom did you marry? A Payton Berlone.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A No, sir.  
Q Did the preacher give you anything to show you were married?  
A No, sir.  
Q When you were married you went by the name of Caldwell?  
A Yes, sir, before I was married.  
Q Is there anybody here that knows that you are married to your husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who, your mother? A Yes, sir.

Nancy Logan, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name please? A Nancy Logan.  
Q What is your post office? A Gann.  
Q You were enrolled just a minute ago were you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this your daughter here? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Berlone.  
Q And she is a daughter by your husband Caldwell? A Yes, sir, the oldest child.  
Q Has she just been married a short time? A Yes, sir, about two weeks.  
Q She never was married before? A No, sir.

Mary Berlone, recalled, testified:

- Q Did you have a sister named Mattie? A No, sir.  
Q Did you have a sister named Corrine? A Yes, sir.  
Q Aren't you over 15 years old? A No, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the mother of applicant identified thereon, page 704, No. 628, Sequoyah district, as Nancy Jones.  
Q Your mother is found on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll, and with your mother on the Kerns-Clifton roll there is found a Mattie Jones; is she kin to you? A No, sir.

Mary Berlone - 2.

- Q You don't know any Mattie Jones? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know Charles? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is a half brother of yours? A Yes, sir, a half brother.  
Q And Corrine? A She is my sister  
Q And Sallie? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is your full sister? A Yes, sir.  
Q Charles is your half brother? A Yes, sir.  
Mr. J.S. Davenport, attorney for Cherokee Nation: Don't you know where you were living in 1896? A No, sir.  
Q Don't you know where you were living four years ago? A No, sir, mama does.

Nancy Logan, recalled, testified:

Commissioner Breckinridge: On the Kerns-Clifton roll there appears with you four children, Mattie, Charles, Corrine, and Sallie; you didn't have any child named Mattie? A No, sir, it is Mary.

- Q It ought to have been Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q Mattie's name is put down as 17 years old? A Well, she wasn't but ten at that time.  
Q You think that must be for your child Mary? A Yes, sir.  
Q Because that is the right number of children? A Yes, sir.  
Q But they have got the name of one wrong? A Yes, sir.  
Q This is your own child? A Yes, sir, this is my own child.  
Q And by your husband Caldwell? A Yes, sir.  
Q But enrolled under the name of Jones, which you were carrying on the rolls? A Yes, sir.

Mr. Davenport: Where was Mary living in 1896? A Living right here in Sequoyah district.

- Q With whom? A With me.  
Q There is a note on that 1896 roll that she was unknown to you, Mattie Jones was; do you know anything about that note? No, sir.  
Q Did you draw money for her? A No, sir, I didn't draw any money for her.

Commissioner Breckinridge: Did you draw money for yourself?

- A Yes, sir.  
Q Why didn't you draw money for this girl? A This wrong name came in where her name ought to have been.  
Q And they wouldn't give you any money? A No, sir.  
Q You didn't know any Mattie Jones and they put your child down as Mattie? A Yes, sir.

The Kerns-Clifton roll examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 22 96, No. 2398, Sequoyah district, as Mattie Jones.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified in a satisfactory manner on the Kerns-Clifton roll, her name being there as Mattie Jones, when it is evident from the testimony of her mother that it should have been put down as Mary. The applicant's real name at that time was Caldwell, but as shown in the case of her mother, who was enrolled this forenoon, both the mother and the children were enrolled under the mother's former name of Jones, and the mother is identified under that name on the roll of 1880. It appears to be quite obvious that in the making of the Kerns-Clifton roll there was an error made as to the age of this applicant. Her name appears immediately after that of her mother, and before that of her one brother and two full sisters. These names complete the family, and it is evident that no one could have been intended for Mattie Jones except the applicant herself. Her change of name arising from marriage is explained in a satisfactory manner by her own and her mother's testimony. Under the conditions stated, and her mother being duly identified on the roll of 1880, the applicant still a minor, will now be

Mary Berlene - E.

listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

J. B. L...

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 16, 1901*

Post Office *Gaines, Ga.*

District *Spartanburg*

1. Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife *Mary R. Colman* Age *15*

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1896* Page *96* No. *2398* District *Se.*

Parents:

Father *John Caldwell - living* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother *Nancy Logan* Citizenship *Chas. Freeman*

Names of Children:

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Application made by *Mary R. Colman* Stenographer *B. L. Jones*

*On St. Paul's Ep. Ch. by Mattie Jones*

Card 32-496-

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Mary Berline*  
a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

*[Signature]* Approved JAN 25 1907 190

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Commissioner.

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JAN 25 1907

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COMMISSIONER



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death, of Mary Berlone  
Freedman Cherokee (Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Garin Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
May, Ind. Ter., and died on the 11 day of  
May, 1905  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, Payton Berlone, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Miss Kagee, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Mary Berlone  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freedman of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Mary Berlone died on the 11 day of  
May, 1905  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of January, 1907.

John E. Tidwell  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, Will Jones, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age, and a citizen by Freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Miss Kagee, Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with Mary Berlone  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Mary Berlone died on the 11 day of  
May, 1905  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of January, 1907.

John E. Tidwell  
Notary Public.



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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Andrew Jones for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name. A Andrew Jones.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Medland.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one, but myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Feeland Jones.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Nancy Logan now.  
Q What was her name in 1880? A Nancy Jones.  
Q Was that your mother who was enrolled here a little before you?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever married? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 704, No. 701, Andrew Jones, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1124, No. 78, Andrew Jones, Sequoyah District.

The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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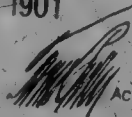
The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 16, 1911

Post Office

Bedland, S.C.

District

Siquah

1. Name

Andrew Jones

Age

28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1887

Page

704

No.

701

District

Siquah

Parents:

Father

Fiskland Jones - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Nancy Logan - living

Citizenship

Cherokee Freed

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mrs.

Stenographer

E. J. Robertson

100, 1896 vol, Page 1124 - 70 - Siquah.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Jones for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Brockbridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A William Jones.  
Q How old are you? A 24.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Gans.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Feeland Jones.  
Q He's dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Nancy Logan now.  
Q She's alive? A Yes sir.  
Q That was your mother who was enrolled a little before you? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 704, No. 705, Wm. Jones, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1184, No. 79, Willie Jones, Sequoyah District.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

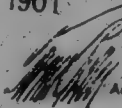
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*Cherokee*  
Commissioner.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 16, 1901

Post Office Gaines D.C.

District Sequoia

1. Name William Jones

Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 704

No. 70

District Sequoia

Parents:

Father

Island Jones - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Nancy Logan - living

Citizenship

Chas. Greer

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by Wm Jones

Stenographer E. G. Rotherberger

1880 Wm Jones  
1896 Page 1104 No. 79 - Sequoia



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Peter Portman--8.

J. O. Hanson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Patsy Perryman for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Perryman being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Patsy Perryman.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know how old I am.  
Q Well, about how old? A I really don't know to tell you the truth, I could not tell you my age. (40)  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other Tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What was your father's name? A Squire Sanders.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Judia Taylor.  
Q How did your name happen to be Perryman? A I am married.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Randolph Perryman.  
Q Is he a citizen? A He is a Creek.  
Q Have you got any children? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 815, #2385, Patsy Taylor, Tahlequah District.

- Q How long have you been married to Perryman? A I don't know exactly.  
Q Were you ever married before? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom to? A Charlie Clark.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Taylor and Clark? A No, sir, that is all.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q What is your husband's post office? A Muskogee.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

- Q How long have you been living there in the Creek Nation? (No response.)  
Q You live in the Creek Nation now, don't you? A Yes, sir, I don't know how long I have been living there.  
Q What part of the Creek Nation do you live in? A Near the Ferry, Nivens' Ferry.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation or Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Patsy Perryman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Taylor. Her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. She makes satisfactory proof as to residence and she is duly identified. She has since married one Randolph Perryman, consequently Patsy Perryman will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Patty Perryman--2.

J. O. Reszen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof:

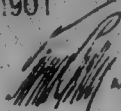
*J. O. Reszen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

*C. H. Merriam*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Post Office

Tahle

District

Tahle

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Patsie Perryman

Age 40

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 815

No. 2385

District Tahle

Parents:

Father

Squire Sanders

Citizenship

Mother

Ledge Taylor

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

Rossan J. O.

(1) to Roll

"Patsy Taylor"

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 16, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Nero for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Sarah Nero.  
Q How old are you? A 33 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My little boy.  
Q That is all, is it, one child? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Peeland Jones.  
Q He's dead, is he? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nancy Logan.  
Q What was her name in 1880? A Nancy Jones.  
Q She's alive now, isn't she? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your mother the Nancy Logan who was enrolled a while ago?  
A Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.  
Q When were you married? A In the year '96.  
Q To whom were you married? A Abe Nero.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q He's not on any roll of the Cherokee Nation? A I don't know, sir.  
Q He claims makes no claim as a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child. A Reger Harvey Nero.  
Q How old is the child? A He's two years old.  
Q This child alive now, is it? A Yes sir.  
Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and Abe Nero are living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your mother here? A Yes sir.

Nancy Logan, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Nancy Logan.  
Q How old are you? A I'm forty I believe.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Gans.  
Q Is this woman here your daughter? A Yes sir.  
Q She's married, is she? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Sarah Nero.  
Q How long has she been married? A She's been married about five years.

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The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 704, No. 702, Sarah Jones, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1518, No. 354, Sarah Nero, Tahlequah District.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and her mother's testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When she supplies the Commission with a proper certificate of birth of her child, Reger Harvey Nero, this child will also be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 18, 1901

Ft. Gibson, D. C.

Tulleguash

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Sarah Mrs. Age 25

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 704 No. 702 District Dec

Parents:

Father Geland Jones - dead Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Nancy Jones living Citizenship John - 7

Names of Children:

2. Roger Mrs. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 2

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Application made by Sarah Mrs. Stenographer J. K. Kothunberger

1. On 10th poll as Sarah Jones

1. " 1896... " P. 1318 334 - Yeh.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Roger N. New

a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved,

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Commissioner

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Roger Harvey Kero, born on the 26 day of Oct, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Abe L. Kero, a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Sarah, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Jh Gibson D.T.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Sarah Kero, on oath state that I am Twenty five  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Abe L. Kero, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Creek Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 26 day of Oct, 1898; that said child has been  
 named Roger Harvey Kero, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

Sarah Kero

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Fanna Lasley, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Sarah Kero, wife of Abe L. Kero,  
 on the 26 day of Oct, 1898; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named Roger Harvey Kero.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Fanna Lasley  
Mark

(Must be Two Witnesses)

G. F. Bailey  
A. L. Kero

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

my term - exp - April 15 - 1903

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

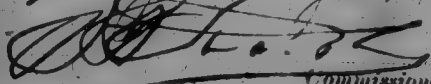
Jesse Corine Nero

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, January 14, 1902



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Jessie Corine Nero, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: A. L. Nero, a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Nero, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Fork Gibson, Ind.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northwestern

District.

I, Sarah Nero, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of A. L. Nero, who is a citizen, of  
the Creek Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1901; that said child has been  
named Jessie Corine Nero, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1901.  
My Commission expires Oct. 23, 1905.

M. D. L. Howell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northwestern

District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Nero, wife of A. L. Nero,  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Jessie Corine Nero.

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

W. J. Nash  
Red Mounts

Martha L. Vann  
North

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21<sup>st</sup> day of December, 1901.

My Commission expires Oct. 23, 1905.

M. D. L. Howell

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN  
IN RE

THE DEATH OF

Gessie Crum Mrs  
a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved

AUG - 3 1904

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*[Signature]*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jessie Corine Nero  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Fort Gibson, Ind. Ter., and died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of Aug.,  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Western District.

I, A. L. Nero, on oath state that I am 36  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Creek Nation;  
 that my post office address is Fort Gibson, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a Father of Jessie Corine Nero,  
(State relationship, as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Jessie Corine Nero died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
August, 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:  
 (Must be Two)  
 Witnesses.

A. L. Nero

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of July, 1904

John Brady  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.  
Western District.

I, R. L. Nero, on oath state that I am 33  
 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the Creek Nation;  
 that my post office address is Fort Gibson, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Jessie Corine Nero,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Jessie Corine Nero died on the 4 day of  
August, 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:  
 (Must be Two)  
 Witnesses.

R. L. Nero

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

23 day of

July

1904

John Brady  
 Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
SARAH NERO  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

Cherokee Freedman D 1294  
Cherokee Freedman 500

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

In the matter of the application of **EMMET STARR**, for enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

**EMMET STARR**, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Emmet Starr.  
Q What is your age? A Thirty one years.  
Q What is your home office address? A Claremore, I. T.  
Q Are you a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir, I am.  
Q For whom do you desire to make application for enrollment?  
A For the following named persons on the 1880 Cherokee roll, their families and descendants:

Sarah Nero #399 Illinois District.

- Q Are there any other persons for whom you desire to make application for enrollment?  
A I desire to apply for the following named persons on the 1880 Cherokee roll, their families and their descendants:

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this December 9, 1902.

*E. C. Bagwell*  
Notary Public.

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Cherokee Freedman D 1294  
500

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Sarah Nero as a Cherokee Freedman.

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O R D E R.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on June 30, 1902, Emmet Starr appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of Sarah Nero as a Cherokee Freedman, and that said applicant was duly listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedman card No. D 1294.

The records further show that Sarah Nero has also been listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedman card No. 500, and that her name is included in a partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, January 16, 1903, opposite No. 1266.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED: That the enlistment for the enrollment of Sarah Nero on Cherokee Freedman card No. D 1294, be cancelled, and that the record in said case be transferred to Cherokee Freedman case No. 500.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this OCT 31 1905

St Gibson I.S. 9/14/05  
Hon. Commission  
Tahlequah?

Sir; — I notice advertised in a supplement to the Phoenix a list of names as I understand you have not a thorough knowledge of same and in the midst of that number I saw my name. Now do I understand you to say that you have not as yet recognized that number to be citizens of the Cherokee Nation. And do I further understand you to say that we must come before the Commission with proof to identify

ourselves as being the proper person.  
Your honor Sir, I have filed and  
have received my Certificate for  
my filing. Number of <sup>Home passed</sup> Certificate 17340  
Freedmen Roll Number 1266

Now if I understand the heading  
of the Supplement to the Phoenix  
I write this for your information.  
Now if I am required in person  
will have to come to Tahlequah or  
Muskegon.

Yours Truly  
Seraiah M. Co

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Nero, Sarah,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T.,  
Cherokee Nation,  
9/14/1905.

states her name appears  
upon printed list of  
"Lost Cherokees" and  
asks what she must do.

CHEROKEE ENROLLMENT.

SEP 15 1905

Cherokee Freedmen

D-1294.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 22, 1905.

Sarah Nero,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

This office is in receipt of your letter of September 14, stating that your name appears in the advertised list of persons whose names appear on the Cherokee tribal rolls of 1880 and 1896, unaccounted for, and that you have heretofore received your allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation, and that your roll No. is F. 1266. You ask to be advised if you will be required to appear before the offices of the Commissioner at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, or Muskogee, Indian Territory.

In reply you are advised that from the information contained in your letter, your enrollment on the 1896 Cherokee census roll, Illinois district, can now be disposed of, and it will not be necessary for you to take any further action with reference thereto.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.



Cherokee Freedmen

D-1294.

COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 31, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of an order of the  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 31, 1905,  
cancelling the enrollment of Sarah Wero, on Cherokee Freedmen card  
No. D 1294, and transferring the record in said case to Cherokee  
Freedmen No. 500, they being duplicate enrollments.

Respectfully,

SIGNED).

*Jame Bixby*

Commissioner.

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THIS IS ONLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 18, 1906

Chief Clerk,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the names of Earnestine  
and Hillard Nero, minor children of Richard Nero a Creek  
Freedman and Rosa Nero, an alleged Cherokee Freedman, are  
contained in the partial schedule of new born freedmen,  
(March 3, 1906) approved by the Secretary of the Interior,  
December 4, 1906, opposite roll numbers 732 and 733.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17TH, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Seenie Brewer for enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman, said Brewer being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. E. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Seenie Brewer.  
Q How old are you? A About 60.  
Q What is your post office? A Muskogee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee Nation as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls as a Freedman? A Yes, sir, my name is on the rolls.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My daughter.  
Q How old is she? A About 22.  
Q She will have to apply for herself?  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 502, #79, Seenie Brewer, Illinois District.

- Q Have you been married the last 20 years? A No, sir. Been married about 15 years.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Andy Brewer.  
Q Was your name Brewer before you married him? A My first husband is Schrimsher.  
Q You are not on the roll of 1896 are you, or are you, do you know? (No response.)  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Seenie Brewer is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but cannot be found upon the census roll of 1896. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

*Thomas E. Needles*

Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office Muscogee

District Ill

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Seena Brewer Age 60

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 502 No. 79 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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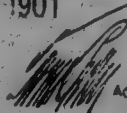
Application made by no 11

Stenographer Rosson J. O.

Wm 96 Roll

B. J. 5-01  
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Wesley Price for the enrollment of three minor children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Wesley Price.  
Q How old are you? A 33.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Redland.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir, I have some children of Ella Jones, daughter of Nancy Jones; she was a wife of mine.  
Q How many children? A Three.  
Q Give me the names of these children. A Leuvenia Price.  
Q How old is that child? A 11 years old.  
Q The next child? A Savannah Price.  
Q How old is that child? A 9.  
Q The next child? A Jennie Price.  
Q How old is that child? A 5.  
Q Are these children all living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they living with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children. A Ella Price.  
Q She alive? A No sir, she's dead.  
Q Was she your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She's been dead a little over a year; she died the 2nd of last February a year ago.  
Q How old was she when she died? A To my best knowledge she was about 33.  
Q Give me the name of her mother. A Nancy Logan.  
Q What was her mother's name in '80? A Nancy Jones.  
Q Your wife's name was Jones when you married her? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 704, No. 699, Ella Jones, Sequoyah District.

The 1888 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's deceased wife and his three children are identified thereon as follows:

- Page 1126, No. 104, Ella Price, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1126, No. 105, Lea V. Price, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1126, No. 107, Savina Price, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1126, No. 108, Jennie Price, Sequoyah District.

- Q Who is there here who knows that you and your wife lived together as husband and wife? A Yes sir, her mother.

Nancy Logan, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Nancy Logan.  
Q How old are you? A Forty, I don't know my age.  
Q Well, you were enrolled as fifty? A Well, yes sir; I will know now.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Gans Station.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know this man here, Wesley Price? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know his wife? A Yes sir, my daughter.  
Q She's dead now? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name? A Ella.  
Q What was your name in 1880? A Nancy Jones.  
Q Ella Jones with you in '80 was this man's wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Known afterwards as Ella Price? A Yes sir.  
Q You know that this man and your daughter were married? A Yes sir.  
Q And lived together for years as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

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Q You didn't get out a marriage license when you married? A No sir.  
Q Do you make no claim for citizenship yourself? A No sir.

The applicant applied for the enrollment of three minor children. He made no application for himself as he did not marry under a marriage license and he had never been admitted to enrollment. The mother of the children is dead; she is duly identified on the rolls of 1887 and 1892, and her marriage to the applicant is established by his own testimony and by the testimony of the mother of his deceased wife. The children, Louisa, Savannah, and Jennie Reed, are duly identified on the roll of 1892; they are living and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Indians.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 16, 1901

Post Office

Redland, D.C.

District

Sequoia

1. Name

~~Mary Jane Price~~

Age

28

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

## Names of Children:

1	X	Louisa Price	Year 1896	Page 1126	No. 106	Dist. 11	11
2	X	Savannah	Year "	Page 1126	No. 107	Dist. "	9
3	X	Jessie	Year "	Page 1126	No. 108	Dist. "	5
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Application made by

Moses Price

Stenographer

C. E. Rothberger

1 Cir 1896 roll as Lora U. Price  
 2 " 1896 " " Savannah "

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM HENRY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. B. BRACKENRIDGE.

WM. O. BRALL,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 8, 1904.

Wesley Price,

Hayden, I. T.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the name of your minor  
children, Louvenia, Savannah, and Jennie Price,  
appear upon a partial roll of Cherokee  
freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on November  
16, 1904.

You are further advised that you will be permitted  
to appear before the Cherokee Land Office at Tahlequah, Indian  
Territory, and select allotments for those whom you are entitled  
to represent when your ticket of admission is reached in the  
regular order.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

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General Office  
Cherokee Freed.

Wesley Price,

~~Hayden~~, Indian Territory.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 16th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nan Porter for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Porter being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name now? A Nan Porter.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Scenie Brewer.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee Nation as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A About 32.  
Q What is your post office? A Muskogee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois district.  
Q You live at Muskogee now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I got five children.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was is your husband's name? A John Porter.  
Q Is he a citizen? A He claims to be.  
Q Well, now give me the names of your children? A Ernest Porter.  
Q How old is he? A About 13.  
Q The name of the next one? A Douglas.  
Q How old is Douglas? A Nine.  
Q The next one? A Edna.  
Q How old is Edna? A She is about seven.  
Q Well, the next one? A Maudie.  
Q How old is Maudie? A She is about five; and the baby about ten months old.  
Q What is the baby's name? A Willie.  
Q Are your children all named Porter? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 502, #81, Nannate Brewer, Illinois District.

- Q You lived over in the Creek Nation in 1896 didn't you, four years ago? A Yes, sir, but we come over here to enroll.  
Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes, sir.

The records of this Commission show that these children have been enrolled by their father.

Kerns-Clifton Pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 32, #1063, Nannie Porter, Illinois District.

- Q Well, John come and enrolled these children? (No response.)  
Q Have you got these children? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is living with you now isn't he? A Yes, sir.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q Are you and that man living together now in the same house?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q And have been all the time? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Nan Porter is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

April 17, 1901

G. Robson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly transcribed the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

G. Robson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

C. H. McNeill  
Commissioner.



Commissioner.

Witnessed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1901.

Notary Public.  
Before me is a true and correct transcript of the proceedings  
recorded in the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
record is the continuation of the same. Witness my hand and  
the seal of my office this 14th day of April, 1901.

DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CANTONS

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office MuscogeeDistrict 222

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Nann Porter Age 32

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 502 No. 81 District 222

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Leenie Brewer Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

2. ~~Ernest Porter~~ Year K.C. Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 133. ~~Douglas~~ Year K.C. Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 134. ~~Edna~~ Year K.C. Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 135. ~~Walter~~ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 13(6) Willie Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 10

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Application made by Ho (1) Stenographer Rosen J.O.

(1) on Form "Nannie Brewer"

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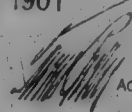
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Maria Smith for the enrollment of herself, her husband, Jim Smith, and her four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Bruckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Maria Smith.  
Q How old are you? A 38.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Four children.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Ned Foreman.  
Q Is he alive? A He's dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A 18 years this coming October.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Caroline Foreman.  
Q Is she dead? A She's living.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.  
Q To whom were you married the first time? A Alfred Thompson.  
Q How long since you married him? A I married Alfred Thompson in '80.  
Q Is he dead? A He's living.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You and he separated, did you? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you separate? A In -- I don't know; its been about 15 years.  
Q And after that you married again? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did you marry the second time? A Jim Smith.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir, he's alive.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Said to be.  
Q Are you and he living together? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you living with him now? A Yes sir.  
Q Why do you not apply for him? A Well, I never did; always enrolled myself and the children.

Commissioner-- You better apply for him.

- Q Has he ever been put on any roll? A Well, I couldn't tell you.  
Q When did you and James Smith begin to live together? A About 14 years.  
Q Did you ever get a divorce from your husband, Alfred Thompson?  
A According to the Cherokee law; he married and they said I was divorced; he married before I did.  
Q But you didn't get any judicial divorce? A No sir.  
Q You and Jim Smith have lived together ever since you married some fourteen years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A Willie Smith.  
Q A boy or a girl? A He's a boy.  
Q How old is that child? A 18.  
Q The next child? A Jimmie Smith.  
Q How old is Jimmie? A 15.  
Q The next child? A Joe Smith.  
Q How old is Joe? A 12.  
Q The next child? A Luther Smith.  
Q How old is that child? A 10. Jimmie is Alfred Thompson's child.  
Q But you call them all Smith? A Yes sir.  
Q These children are living now, are they? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of the father of your husband? A I couldn't do that; I don't know.  
Q You know the name of his father. A Emily Vann.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name in 1880? A Emily Vann.  
Q And still that name? A Yes sir.

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- Q How old is your husband? A I don't know sir, how old he is.  
Q Is he older than you? A Yes sir, he's a good deal older than I am.  
Q Is he 45? A I guess he's 45 or 7.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 590, No. 1925, Mariah Thompson, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and her children are identified thereon as follows:

- Page 932, No. 533, Mariah Smith, Illinois District.  
Page 932, No. 534, William Smith, Illinois District.  
Page 932, No. 535, James Smith, Illinois District.  
Page 932, No. 536, George Smith, Illinois District.  
Page 932, No. 537, Luther Smith, Illinois District.

The 1880 authenticated roll and the 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's husband is not found of record thereon.

- Q Have you anybody here who knows that you have been married to these men, Thompson and Smith? A No one here in the house, I guess. Fannie Miller knows I guess.

Fannie Miller, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Fannie Miller is my name.  
Q How old are you? A Well, I couldn't tell you that.  
Q How old, 45 or 50? A Yes sir, maybe over that.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Been living here a good while.  
Q All your life? A No sir.  
Q Been living here forty years? A No sir.  
Q What is your present office? A Gibson now.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, Maria Smith? A Yes sir, I been knowing her quite a while; knowed all the family.  
Q Have you known her ever since she was a little girl? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been living here ever since that time, haven't you? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before she married anybody? A It must have been Foreman; that is all I know.  
Q She has been married twice? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her first husband? A Alfred Thompson.  
Q And then after a while they separated? A Yes sir.  
Q And then after that married another man? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Jim Smith.  
Q They are living together now as husband and wife? A I guess so.  
Q As far as you know? A Yes sir, as far as I know.  
redirect.  
Q James Smith, he didn't get a Cherokee license when he married you? A No sir, they didn't get license; they got signers.  
Q They just got married without any license about it? A Yes sir.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband, and four children; she is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her changes of name arising from marriage are explained in a satisfactory manner by herself and other personal testimony; she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her four children named in the testimony are duly identified on the roll of 1896; they are all living at this time. The child Joe, next to the youngest child, is upon the roll of 1896 as George, but this is evidently a clerical error. These children will all now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The



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Applicant's present husband, James Smith, is not identified upon any bill, and he did not procure a divorce license when he married his wife, nor did she ever procure a legal divorce from her first husband. Therefore, there does not appear any ground upon which, either as a Cherokee Freedman or as a citizen by intermarriage, the Commission has jurisdiction over the application for the enrollment of the applicant's husband, and only a recommendation will therefore be made of the application for the enrollment of James Smith. The final decision is in regard to this recommendation will be reported to the Secretary of the Interior, and if he approves of the same that will be final under the present law.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. J. Rothenberger*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 16, 1901

Post Office St. Albans, Vt.

District Illinois

1. Name ~~James Smith~~ Age ~~44~~

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Emily Vinton - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1 X Name of wife Maria Smith Age 39

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1881 Page 590 No. 1925 District Ill

Parents:

Father Edw. Foreman - dead Citizenship Ches. Free

Mother Bartholomew " - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2 Willie Smith Year 96 Page 962 No. 534 Dist. Ill 18

3 Marion " " Year 1 Page 962 No. 535 Dist. " 15

4 Bob " " Year 1 Page 962 No. 536 Dist. " 12

5 Luther " " Year " Page 962 No. " Dist. " 10

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by Maria Smith Stenographer E. H. Rothberger

1 1881 poll as Mariab Thompson  
 2 " 1886 " " 962 \* 533 - Ill  
 2 " 1896 poll as William Smith  
 3 " 1897 " " James "  
 4 " 1898 " " George "

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 5, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Maria Smith for the enrollment of herself and children, Lillie, Jennie, Joe and Luther Smith, as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

William Hudson being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Hudson.  
Q How old are you? A 35, will be the 16th of next month.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q Was your postoffice Ft. Gibson at the time you enrolled? A Yes sir, I have lived in Muskogee 3 years.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Maria.  
Q Was her name Maria Smith when you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q She is a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A The 12th or 13th of June a year.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes sir.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of August, 1904.

W. H. Hudson  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Joe Smith*  
a citizen of the  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved: *W. R. Rusk* 1905  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*January 5, 1905*  
*[Signature]*

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Joe Smith  
(Here insert name of decedent.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tablequah Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 day of  
March, 1903  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern DISTRICT. }

I, Maria Hudson, on oath state that I am 41  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Tablequah Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
mother of Joe Smith  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of decedent.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Joe Smith died on the 7 day of  
March, 1903, Maria Hudson

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

4th day of Jan

1905

Samuel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
 DISTRICT. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of decedent.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of decedent.)

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

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Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
AUXILIARY CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, Feb'y 16, 1905.

In the matter of the allotment of lands to Joe Smith, minor, (deceased) Cherokee Freedman Card No. 507, Approved Roll No. 1273.

Mariah Hudson, formerly Smith, Cherokee Freedman Card 504, Approved Roll No. 1270, being sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission:

- W What is your name? A Mariah Hudson.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Dred Forman.  
Q The name of your mother? A Caroline Forman.  
Q How old are you? 42  
Q What is your Postoffice address? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What is your object in appearing at the Land Office today? A To give testimony relative to the matter of an allotment of land to my deceased child, Joe Smith.  
Q When did Joe Smith die? A March 7, 1903.  
Q Affidavits to his death have been filed with the Commission?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Are you acquainted with the lands it is desired to allot to him?  
A Yes sir, pretty well.  
Q Are said lands suitable for an allotment? A Yes sir.  
Q Has any one been appointed administrator of the estate of Joe Smith? A No sir, not yet.  
Q What is the name of Joe Smith's father? A James Smith.  
Q You are his mother? A Yes sir.

(WITNESS EXCUSED)

Blanch Ashton upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she accurately recorded the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Blanch Ashton*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th day of February, 1905.

*H. H. Hooker*

Notary Public.

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TO THE HONORABLE  
ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

SIR:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the above matter.

The Bureau of Investigation is at present unable to furnish you with the information requested, as the same is not yet available.

I am, however, sending you herewith a copy of the report of the Special Agent in Charge of the New York Office, dated January 10, 1905, which may be of some assistance to you.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,  
Your obedient servant,  
J. Edgar Hoover,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Very truly yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 16th 1901.

In the matter of the application of James L. Slater for the enrollment of his wife LULA and their two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he having been first duly sworn by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A. James L. Slater.  
Q How old are you? A. 35.  
Q What is your post office? A. BBaggs.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Illinois.  
Q You say you don't apply for yourself? A. No sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled? A. My wife and two children.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A. She was Lula Beach before I married her.  
Q How old is your wife? A. 25.  
Q When were you and she married? A. It is on the license.

on the 8th day of May, 1899  
The applicant presents a license & issued by the Clerk of the United States Court for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, authorizing marriage between himself and Lula Beach; and the certificate shows that they were united in marriage ~~within~~ <sup>in</sup> accordance with said license on the 14th day of the same month and within the same year. This is filed herewith.

- Q Give me the name of your wife's father? A. Daniel Beach.  
Q Is he alive? A. That is him standing over there.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A. Rose Gunter is her name now.  
Q She is living is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All her life.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children and ~~their~~ <sup>their</sup> ages. A. Jethal, two years old.  
Q Next? A. Elisabeth, one month old.

DANIEL BEACH, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Daniel Beach.  
Q How old are you? A. 75.  
Q What is your post office? A. Braggs.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, James L. Slater? A. I have known him two years.  
Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q What kin is she to you? A. My daughter, said to be.  
Q Her mother is not living with you now is she? A. No sir.  
Q You and this woman's mother lived together once did you? A. Yes sir.  
Q As man and wife? A. Well sir to tell you the truth in them days there was no such thing as man and wife; we just took up where ever we liked; I lived with several women, and I guess I never lived with this woman ~~any more~~ as my wife any more than I did with the others.  
Q Did you ever live with any other woman as your wife before you lived with Lula's mother? A. No more than I did with Lula's mother.  
Q Did you live as much with them as with Lula's mother? A. Yes sir.  
Q Keep house with them? A. Yes sir and supported the kids.  
Q How many times did you live with women as your wives before you lived with this woman Rosa, the mother of Lula? A. I am afraid to tell you, I have been in such a racket with them I am afraid to tell you.  
Q This woman Rosa is a Cherokee Freedman is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q So her children are not dependant upon her being married to you



Jas. L. Slater 2.

for their rights? A. Rosa had her own right.

Q How is it that this child Lula is not on the roll of 1880? A She ought to be.

Q How old is this woman Lula? A. 30 or may be not so old.

Q Maybe she was not born yet in that year? A. Yes sir that may be.

Q You know that she is a child of Rosa? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the mother of applicant's wife is identified thereon as follows:

Page 574, No. 1553, Rosa Roach, Illinois district.

The 1888 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's wife identified thereon as follows-  
Page 389, #454, Luisa Roach, Illinois district.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife and two children. It appears from the testimony of his wife's father that she is younger than the applicant thinks, perhaps being less than twenty years of age at the present time. She is not identified on the roll of 1880, which perhaps was because she was too young to be on that roll, but her mother is identified on that roll as a Cherokee Freedman, and the applicant's wife Lula Slater is duly identified on the roll of 1888. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, her change of name arising from her marriage is established by the marriage license and certificate filed herewith and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth as to the two children, Jethal and Elisabeth Slater, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The applicant does not apply for himself, as he states that he does not possess any rights by birth and was married only in the year 1899, and under a United States license.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

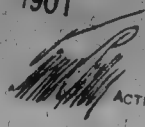
*Chas. von Weise*  
*J. B. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 16, 1901

Post Office

Briggs, I.T.

District

Ill.

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Lula Slater

Age

25

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1896

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No.

454

District

Ill.

Parents:

Father

Daniel Roach - living

Citizenship

Mother

Rosa Ginter - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Jethel Slater

Year

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Elizabeth "

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Application made by

James L. Slater

Stenographer

Chas. von Meise

1 On 1896 roll as Louisa Roach

2 and 3 - Affidavits of birth to be supplied.

# CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian

Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the

1899, at

M., and duly recorded in Book

Marriage Record, Page 738

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory,

this

17

day of

July

A. D. 1899

JAS. A. WINSTON, Clerk.

By

Deputy.

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MARRIAGE LICENSE

United States of America, } ss.  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

No. 381

To Any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage---Greeting:

You are Hereby Commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the  
Banns of Matrimony between Mr. James L Slater  
of Draggs in the Indian Territory, aged 31 years, and  
Miss Lula Roach of Draggs in the  
Indian Territory, aged 27 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this  
License to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at

8 day of

May

A. D. 1899.

Indian Territory, this

By

R. C. Hunter

Deputy.

Wagoner  
James A. Winston  
Clerk of the U. S. Court.

CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, } ss.  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, M. H. Hawkins, a Minister of the Gospel,  
DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 14 day of May A. D. 1899,  
I did duty and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish  
the Banns of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 15 day of May A. D. 1899

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District,  
Book 13 Page 145

M. H. Hawkins

A Minister of the Gospel.

NOTE—This License and Certificate of Marriage must be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, from whence it was issued, within sixty days from the date thereof, or the party to whom the License was issued will be liable in the amount of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00).

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, JAMES A. WINSTON, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 12<sup>th</sup> day of July 1899 at H. and duly recorded in Book 1 Marriage Record, Page Y 20

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory,

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of July 1899  
Jas A. Winston, Clerk.

By \_\_\_\_\_ Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 505

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*John S. Slater*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*April 29*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Jethel Slater (Here insert name of child), born on the 9th day of August, 1899  
 Name of Father: James L Slater, a citizen of the C S Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lula Slater, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office: Bragg, S. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northwestern District.  
 I, Lula Slater, on oath state that I am 23  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of James L Slater, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 9th day of August, 1899; that said child has been  
 named Jethel Slater, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK,

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

W. L. Smith  
J. Patrick  
Lula L Slater  
 her  
 X  
 mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.Edward M Lain  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Oma Fields, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lula Slater, wife of James L Slater,  
 on the 9th day of August, 1899; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Jethel Slater.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

W. L. Smith  
J. Patrick  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.Edward M Lain  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Elizabeth Slater*  
is a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved.

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*Cherokee* Nation,  
 KN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
 of *Elizabeth Slater* born on the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *April*, 1901  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: *James R. Slater*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
 Name of Mother: *Lula Slater*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
 Post-office, *Briggs, D.C.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, *Lula Slater*, on oath state that I am *23*  
 years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of *James R. Slater*, who is a citizen, by  
*marriage*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *April*, 1901; that said child has been  
 named *Elizabeth Slater*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*W. R. Smith*  
*J. Patrick*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *24* day of *April*, 1901.

Edward M. Lain

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, *Elizabeth Foreman*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. *Lula Slater*, wife of *James R. Slater*,  
 on the *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *April*, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named *Elizabeth Slater*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*W. R. Smith*  
*J. Patrick*  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this *24* day of *April*, 1901.

Edward M. Lain

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cher Fr 506

Cher Fr 506

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 16th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Malinda Evans as a Cherokee Freedman, she being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Malinda Evans.  
Q How old are you? A. 51.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life, 51 years.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Fielding Evans.  
Q Is your father dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. About 14 years.  
Q Give me your mothers name? A. Mary Walker.  
Q She is alive is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A. No sir.  
Q Always borne the name of Evans? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereof as follows:  
Page 756, No. 666, Malinda Evans, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1307, 1325, Malinda Evans, Tahlequah district.

By Com. R. Brackinridge,--

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 16th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

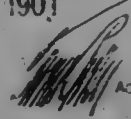
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

1. Name

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

On 1890 roll as Melinda Evans  
 1<sup>st</sup> 1896 " P. 1307-123 - Chas. Davis

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Sills, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eliza Dotson for the enrollment of herself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen: She being sworn by Commissioner C. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Eliza Dotson.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know my age.  
Q As near as you can? A. About 48.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you live in Tahlequah district? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A. My children.  
Q How many? A. Six.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me your father's name? A. Mose Mose.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your mother's name? A. Parlaney Eagle.  
Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A. Once.  
Q When were you married? A. I don't recollect; I don't count and don't know what year it was.  
Q About how long ago? A. About 25 or 24 years ago I guess.  
Q To whom were you married then? A. Mark Dotson.  
Q Is he alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he still living together? A. Yes sir.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. Jack Luther.  
Q How old? A. 12.  
Q Next? A. George D. Pack.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q Next? A. Greed.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Next? A. Kathaline.  
Q How old? A. 8.  
Q Next? A. Nora.  
Q How old? A. 5.  
Q Next? A. Francis A.  
Q How old? A. A year and a half.  
Q Are these children living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q All unmarried are they? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 758, No 674, Eliza Eagle, Tahlequah district.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1507, 1188, Eliza Eagle, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1507, 1118, Greed Dotson, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1507, 1117, Kathaline Dotson, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1507, 1118, Nora Dotson, Tahlequah district.

- Q How comes it that these two older children are not on the roll? A. They ought to be.  
Q They are the children of this husband are they not? A. No sir Luther is their name.  
Q Is George named Luther? A. No sir Pack is his name.

The 1890 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's two children, Jack Luther and George D. Pack identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1514, No. 512, Jack Luther, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1512, No. 577, George D. Pack, Tahlequah district.  
NOTE: Son of Eliza Eagle.



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- Q This Jack Luther, do you say that is your child? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have sworn that you were married to your husband 25 or 24 years ago and that you have lived with him all that time? A. Yes sir.  
Q And yet you come here and want to enroll a child named Luther?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is your husband here? A. No sir.  
Q How am I to know that this is your child, and not an adopted child?  
A No sir it is not adopted, it is mine.  
Q How did you happen to name these children Luther and Pack? A. It was named for its daddy.  
Q Is that true of the child Pack? A. Yes sir.

MALINDA EVANS, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Malinda Evans.  
Q How old are you? A. 51.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life, thirty-two years.  
Q Do you know this applicant, Eliza Dotson? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A. All my life.  
Q You and she live close together do you? A. Yes sir and she is a cousin of mine.  
Q She states that she has been married to Dotson for about 24 years and gives in a child by the name of Jack Luther? A. Well it is her child.  
Q Not an adopted child? A. No sir.  
Q How about this child George Pack? A. It is here  
Q Not an adopted child? A. No sir.

By EXHIBIT Cherokee Representative Jas. Davenport:-

- Q Were she and her husband living together when these children was born? A. No sir.  
Q Were they separated a few years? A. No sir, I never did know of them being separated.

By the Commission:-

- Q Did you know of their living apart some time? A. No sir.  
Q Did she ever live with a man named Luther? A. I don't know.  
Q Did she live with a man named Pack? A. I don't know.  
Q But you know that these are her children? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you living near her when these children were born? A. I was living four miles in the country and she was living in town.  
Q And you knew that she has nursed them and brought them up? A. Yes sir.  
Q And they are recognized as her children? A. Yes sir.

By Jas. Davenport:-

- Q Were these two children born before this woman married Dotson? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was this woman's name before she married Dotson? A. Eagle.  
Q Was she a daughter of Pauline Eagle? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge:-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and six children. She is identified on the rolls of 1886 and 1896; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and her change of name arising from her marriage is established by satisfactory personal testimony in addition to her own, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The first of these children is named Jack Luther, and was born before the applicant married her

Eliza Dotson 3.

present husband, this child is shown to be her natural child and is duly identified on the roll of 1866, it is living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The second child, George Paul, a child likewise born before Plaintiff's marriage to her present husband, and shown to be her natural child, is duly identified on the roll of 1866, this child is alive and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the remaining children, Fred, Nathaniel, Nora and Francis A. Dotson, they are all duly identified on the roll of 1866, except the youngest, Francis A. They are all children of the present marriage; they are alive and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. That the Commissioner is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of the youngest child, Francis A. Dotson, this child will also be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Charvonweise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 17th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*J. H. [Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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**CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.**

District.....*Taluk*

**Names of Children:**

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 507

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Nora Oatson

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

April 24<sup>th</sup>, 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CHEROKEE TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Nora Dotson, born on the 2nd day of February, 1896  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Mark Dotson, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Dotson, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, Tahlequah, W.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, Eliza Dotson, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Mark Dotson, who is a citizen, by  
of the United States Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2nd day of February, 1896 that said child has been  
named Nora Dotson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSubscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.A. J. Bayles

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, Betsy Incease, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Dotson, wife of Mark Dotson,  
on the 2nd day of February, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Nora Dotson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesW. Hensley  
Henry O. PinnerBetsy X Incease  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.A. J. Bayles

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Commission Expires SEP 12 1903

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 507

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Frances A. Datson*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*April 24<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
 of Frances A. Dotson, born on the 19 day of August, 1899  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Mark Dotson, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Eliza Dotson, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
 Post-office, Tahlequah, IT.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northwestern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, Eliza Dotson, on oath state that I am 42  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Mark Dotson, who is a citizen, by  
 of the United States Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1899 that said child has been  
 named Frances A. Dotson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900.

J. S. Bayles  
 Notary Public

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northwestern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, Eliza J. Hendricks, Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Eliza Dotson, wife of Mark Dotson,  
 on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1899 that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Frances A. Dotson, her

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1900.

J. S. Bayles  
 Notary Public



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IN RE

THE DEATH OF

*Francis A. Dotson*

A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee* Nation

*Approved*

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Commissioner

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**Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

In the matter of the death of

Francis A. Dotson

(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Tahlequah

Okla

Ind. Terr., and died on the

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

April, 1906.

**AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE } SS.

I, Eliza Dotson

on oath state that I am about 49

years of age and a citizen, by

Adoption

of the

Cherokee

Nation;

that my postoffice address is

Tahlequah Okla

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Terr.; that I am

Mother

(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)

of

Francis A. Dotson

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

Adoption

of the

Cherokee

Nation

and that said

Francis A. Dotson

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

April,

1906.

Eliza Dotson

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11<sup>th</sup>

day of

November

1906.

Notary Public.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 12, 1909.

**AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE**

STATE OF OKLAHOMA, }  
COUNTY OF CHEROKEE } SS.

I, Jeanette Nailstall

on oath state that I am

73

years of age, and a citizen of the

United States

Nation;

that my postoffice address is

Tahlequah, Okla.

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Terr.

that I was personally acquainted with

Francis A. Dotson

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by

Adoption

of the

Cherokee

Nation;

and that said

Francis A. Dotson

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the

5<sup>th</sup>

day of

April,

1906.

Jeanette Nailstall

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

11<sup>th</sup>

day of

November

1906.

Notary Public.

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES APRIL 12, 1909.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 18th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Roswell Mackey for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Mackey being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Mackey? A About Fifty.  
Q What is your post office address? A Bennet.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A I guess I have been; I was born and raised here.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A It ought to be, I got all the money except this last payment.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I can't tell.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many of them is here and one of them enrolled just now, Ammie Mackey.  
Q Who do you want to enroll? A Me myself.  
Q Anybody else? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q Why is not your name on the roll of 1880? A I don't know; I was not here.  
Q Where were you? A In Detroit.  
Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Cabin Smith.  
Q Where were you born? A Out here on the Illinois River.  
Q Where were you at the close of the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A Right here in Gibson.  
Q Were you taken out of the Cherokee Nation during the war?  
A No, sir.  
Q Always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No, sir.  
Q The reason that your name is not on the roll of 1880 is that you were not here in the Cherokee Nation at that time? A At Detroit.  
Q In the Penitentiary? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Joshua.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Malinda Smith.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name now? A Malinda Smith.  
Q Did you draw what is known as the strip money in 1896?  
A That was the last time.  
Q Yes, sir? A I was not here that time.  
Q Where were you? A Leavenworth.  
Q You were in United States Prison at Fort Leavenworth, were you?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did anybody draw the money for you? A No, sir; if they did I never got it.

BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:

- Q What were you in Detroit charged with? A 'Sault and Attempt.  
Q For what were you in Leavenworth? A Selling Whiskey.  
Q Whom did you live with here during the war? A With my mother.  
Q Malinda Smith? A Yes, sir.  
Q Malinda Smith afterwards married Robert Smith? A Bob Smith.  
Q Where were you married? A Here.  
Q In Fort Gibson? A Married in Illinois District.

Roswell Mackey--2.

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The 1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's mother identified thereon, page 578, #1453, as Takey Smith, Illinois District.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation, have you, Mr. Mackey? A Yes, sir.

Q Never lived out of the Cherokee Nation only when you were at Detroit and Leavenworth? A Not to say to live, this is my home.

Q Are you married now? (No response.)

Q Have you got any witnesses now that you can prove in 18 years never being out of the Nation and always lived in it? A Yes, sir.

Q None of them here now? A I ain't seen none to-day.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Roswell Mackey applies for the enrollment of himself. His name is not found upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. He gives reasons particularly specified in the testimony. He avers that he is a child of Malinda Smith and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 according to the page and number as indicated in the testimony. From the fact that the name of Roswell Mackey is not on any of the rolls of the Cherokee and no positive proof is presented as to his identity, final judgment as to his enrollment will be suspended and his name will be placed upon a doubtful card.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.

*C. M. Needles*

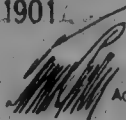
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 16 1901

Post Office Bennett

District Canadian

1. Name Roswell Mackey Age 50

Owner's name Cabin Smith Citizenship

Year 1880 Page No. District

Parents:

Father Joshua Mackey Citizenship

Mother Melinda Smith Citizenship Cal.

2. Name of wife Age

Owner's name Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father Citizenship

Mother Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by no (1)

Stenographer Rosson J. O.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Roswell Mackey for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;  
Willie Smith, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Willie Smith.  
Q How old are you? A I am about, I don't know my age exactly, but I am about 29 or 30 years old; I came from the old country.  
Q What is your post-office? A Gibson.  
Q Fort Gibson? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since I know myself.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Well, you know Roswell Mackey? A That's my son.  
Q Where was he born? A Down here on Illinois.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, close to Mr. Mackey's about a mile and a half.  
Q Was he born a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his owner's name? A Ellis Phillips then.  
Q Where was Roswell during the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A He was right here at Ft Gibson; the soldiers was here, and I was here.  
Q Was he taken out of the Cherokee Nation during the war? A Or after the war? A No sir.  
Q Always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes sir.

BOB SMITH, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Bob Smith.  
Q How old are you? A I don't exactly know, I couldn't keep my age; I was a slave.  
Q About how old? A Oh, I am somewhere along about maybe 20, I don't know.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ft Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q You know Roswell Mackey? A Yes sir.  
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his owner's name? A Phillips at that time.  
Q Was he a Cherokee? A Yes sir, Phillips was.  
Q What was his name, Phillips, you say? A Ellis Phillips.  
Q Did you know Roswell Mackey during the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A Yes sir.  
Q Was he taken out of the Cherokee Nation during the war? A No sir.  
Q Has he always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Bred and born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Always lived here? A Yes sir.  
Q His name is not on the roll of 1880, do you know the reason why? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the reason? A Why he went to the penitentiary.  
Q He was there at that time? A That's all the reason he is not on the roll I guess.  
Q You know, do you, of your own knowledge, that he has always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born a slave, and never lived out of it? A No sir.

FRANK SMITH, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:



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**Commissioner.**

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Cherokee Freedmen 508.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 27, 1903.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Roswell Mackey as a Cherokee Freedman.

S U P P L E M E N T A L   S T A T E M E N T .

An examination of the Wallace Roll of Cherokee Freedmen shows that the applicant is identified thereon at page 125, #2631, with a note opposite his name to the effect that he is a resident of the Creek Nation.

Copies of this statement are ordered filed herewith and made a part of the record in this case.

  
Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen 508.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Roswell Mackey as a Cherokee Freedman.

DECISION.

The record in this case shows that on April 16, 1901, Roswell Mackey appeared before the Commission at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made personal application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The evidence shows that the said Roswell Mackey was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion, and was residing in the Cherokee Nation on July 19, 1866.

The evidence further shows that the applicant has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, excepting a few years during which he was imprisoned in the penitentiaries at Detroit and Leavenworth. It is not considered, however, that he lost his residence in the Cherokee Nation by reason of such imprisonment.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Roswell Mackey should be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-one of the Act of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

  
Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this MAR 5 1902

Cherokee P-508.

Vinita, Indian Territory, March 8th, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record in the matter of the application of Reswell Mackey, Cherokee Freedmen #508. This applicant is claiming the right to enrollment as a former slave of a Cherokee citizen, but as his name does not appear on the roll of 1880, it is respectfully recommended that a decision be prepared.

Applicant's name appears on the Wallace roll, page 125, #2631, and his residence is stated on that roll to be the Creek Nation.

Attention is respectfully called to the note on the card that applicant's wife and two children are listed on Choctaw Freedmen Doubtful card #1155.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

Enc. C-55.  
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COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 13, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of March 10, 1903,  
in which it is directed that the Cherokee Enrollment Division be  
advised whether application has ever been made for the enrollment  
of Roswell Mackey as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

In reply, you are advised that from an examination of  
the records of the Creek Enrollment Division, it does not appear  
that application has ever been made for the enrollment of said  
Roswell Mackey as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

Reference is made to Cherokee Freedman #508.

Respectfully,



Chairman.

Cherokee Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 16, 1904.

W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, granting the application of Roswell Mackey for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

You are advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date hereof within which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the commission in this case. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-19.

Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedmen  
#508.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Choctaw-Chickasaw Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, granting the application of Roswell Mackey for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee freedman.

It appears that the applicant's wife and children have been listed for enrollment on Choctaw Freedmen Card No. 1155.

Respectfully,

Enc. D-4.

Commissioner in Charge.

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COMMISSIONERS

TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS D. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRICKWORTH,  
W. E. STANLEY.

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SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee Freedman  
#508.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1904.

Roswell Mackey,

Bennett, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the decision of  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904,  
granting your application for the enrollment of yourself as a  
Cherokee freedman.

Respectfully,



Register.

Enc. D-3.

Commissioner in Charge.



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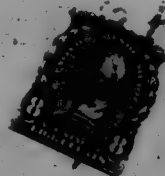


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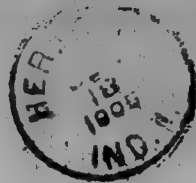
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Clementine Sheppard for the enrollment of herself and two brothers as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Clementine Sanders.  
Q Clementine or Clementine? A Clementine they call me.  
Q Com'nt: Clementine; give her a respectable name anyhow.  
Q What is your age? A 21.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q On the 1880 roll? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Elmora Sanders.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Tuxie Sanders.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Lee Sheppard.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Well then what your name Sheppard? A Yes sir, but it is not enrolled Sheppard.  
Q I didn't ask you what you was enrolled; I asked you what your name was, it's Sheppard isn't it? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any children? A No sir.  
Q You apply just for the enrollment of yourself? A And brothers.  
Q How old are your brothers? A One of them is 10 years old and the other one 13.  
Q You say your mother nor father neither living? A No sir.  
Q What is your oldest brother's name? A Tuxie Sanders.  
Q In the 1880 roll? How old is he? A 13.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Willie Sanders.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is he? A 10.  
Q Where were you born? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your father a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your mother? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and applicant's parents identified thereon as follows:  
page 379 #1644 Tuxie Sanders, Illinois District;  
page 379 #1645 Elmora Sanders, Illinois Dist., adopted colored;  
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant not found thereon.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 962 #226 Clem Sanders, Illinois District;  
page 962 #226 Tuxie Sanders, Illinois District;  
page 962 #227 Willie Sanders, Illinois District.

- Q Tuxie and Willie living? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Clementine Sheppard et al.

- Q These two children always lived with you?  
A Got no children of your own, did I not?  
Q Is your husband a citizen or a non-citizen? A Non-citizen.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Clementine Sheppard is found upon the census roll of 1896, as Clement Sanders, that having been her maiden name; and avers that she is married to one Lee Sheppard, a non-citizen, and the names of her brothers, Tuxie and Willie are found upon the census roll of 1896; it is avowed that they are the children of Nora and Tuxie Sanders, and their names are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Clementine Sheppard and her brothers, Tuxie and Willie Sanders, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*C. M. Whinnery*

Commissioner.

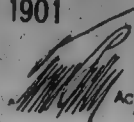


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date 1061 91 UDV APR 16 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife ~~Clementine Sanders~~ Age 21

Clementine Sheppard. \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 962 No. 525 District All

Parents:

Father Turkey Sanders Citizenship Col D

Mother Elvira Sanders Citizenship Col D

Names of Children: (Brothers)

2 Tuxie Sanders Year 1896 Page 962 No. 526 Dist. All 13

3 Willie Sanders Year .? Page 962 No. 527 Dist. " 10

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by No 11 Stenographer Green M D

(1) on 96 Roll as "Bless<sup>mie</sup> Sanders"

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Fannie Walker for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fannie Walker.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, exactly.  
Q Well about how old? A I don't know how old I is.  
Q About 60 or 70? A I can't tell you.  
Q Was you grown during the war? A No sir, not quite grown.  
Commissioner? About 65 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself and my grand child.  
Q What is your grand child's name? A Lizzie Walker.  
(Rolls examined and child found to have been enrolled.)

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 606 #2264 Fannie Walker, Illinois District, adopted col'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 970 #756 Fannie Walker, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of your owner? A John Drew.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q So you don't desire to enroll anybody but yourself then?  
A That's all.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Fannie Walker appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; she is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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H.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in his case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

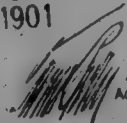
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*H.D. Green*  
*Commissioner*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901 APR 17 1901

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District Ill

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Fannie Walker Age 65 abt

Owners name John Drew Citizenship Cherokee

Year 1880 Page 606 No. 2264 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by H.W.

Stenographer Green M. D.

18696 970 # 756 Ill

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Ellis for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Ellis.  
Q How old are you? A 38.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Foreman, I.T.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A Sandy Ellis.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Beckey Lewis.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 694 #432 Bill Ellis, Sequoyah District, native Colored

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 403 #148 Will E Ellis, Cooweescoowee District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of William Ellis is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Bill Ellis, and upon the census roll of 1896 as Will; he is duly identified according to page and number of the roll and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*Commissioner*

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office ForemanDistrict Seq1. Name William Ellis Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 694 No. 432 District Seq

Parents:

Father Sandy Ellis Citizenship ColMother Betty Ellis Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by no 61Stenographer Green M. D.

(1) - 80 Roll as "Bill Ellis"

(1) - 96 Roll. 403 148 600 — }

C O P Y .

Waukegon, Indian Territory, August 2, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 22, 1905, (I.T.D. 6184-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
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| 778      | 29634    | Wakes Step       |
| 945      | 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 967      | 2621     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 968      | 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 993      | 2687     | Levaly W. Moore  |
| 682      | 1924     | James M. Thomas  |
| 687      | 1938     | Wad Asen         |
| 1002     | 2710     | Grover M. Morris |
| 1021     | 2771     | Allen Conley     |
| 1033     | 2811     | Mary Price       |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                 |
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| 1030     | 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 1038     | 2870     | David W. Ross         |
| 1043     | 2906     | Edison F. Morris      |
| 1078     | 2943     | Theodore Quackenbury  |
| 1097     | 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 1111     | 3030     | Jessie Taylor         |
| 1120     | 3066     | Hannie B. Barnes      |
| 1126     | 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 1134     | 3107     | George Ross           |
| 1136     | 3172     | Archibald Christie    |
| 1140     | 3154     | Julian L. Fickie      |
| 1166     | 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 1166     | 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 1197     | 3294     | Wattie Newton Palmer  |
| 1271     | 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 1281     | 3497     | May Akin              |
| 1297     | 3500     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 1302     | 3577     | Ernest H. Eaton       |
| 1315     | 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 1340     | 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 1404     | 3827     | Robert H. Barnes      |
| 1418     | 38306    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 1428     | 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 1436     | 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 1438     | 3913     | Pellie Collier        |
| 1449     | 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 1546     | 4139     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 1567     | 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 1575     | 4216     | Wiley Allison         |
| 1578     | 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 1606     | 4280     | Henry Ballard         |
| 1635     | 4305     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 1639     | 27321    | Saman Duval           |
| 2281     | 5646     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 2070     | 7897     | Robert F. Vialla      |
| 5532     | 13966    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 6006     | 14362    | Henry Sunday          |
| 6398     | 15314    | Jennie Gedalede       |
| 6421     | 15379    | Emory H. Linder       |
| 6569     | 15737    | Susie W. Walker       |
| 7684     | 18048    | Claud Knappe          |
| 8498     | 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 9438     | 21303    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 9491     | 21356    | Daniel Garard         |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
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| 611      | 1890     | William Ellis    |
| 648      | 1895     | Julia E. C. Gray |
| 648      | 1896     | Sallie Fields    |
| 666      | 1899     | Ethel Smith      |
| 612      | 1849     | Wallace Payne    |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1906 (I.T.D. 6240-1906), and October 4, 1906 (I.T.D. 12220-1906), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Salliman Star" both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Salliman Star" was on March 5, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration

of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-15.  
S.N.L.  
Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 21, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 21, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240) 1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I. T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and this Office, and that he be authorized

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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. E. Loupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 59 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

29634  
2617  
2621  
2626  
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Wakee Step  
Ava W. Price  
Grover C. Burrow  
Samuel Oer  
Lovely M. Moore.



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Cherokee by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 1924     | James M. Thomas       |
| 1930     | Ned Acorn             |
| 2710     | Grever M. Morris      |
| 2772     | Allen Conley          |
| 2813     | Mary Price            |
| 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 2880     | David W. Ross         |
| 1906     | Adison F. Morris      |
| 2943     | Theodore Quisenberry  |
| 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 3039     | Jessie Taylor         |
| 3066     | Nannie B. Barnes      |
| 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 2107     | George Ross           |
| 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 3164     | Julian E. Wickle      |
| 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 3294     | W. L. Linton Palmer   |
| 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 3487     | May Akin              |
| 3500     | Henry S. Benge        |
| 3577     | Ernest E. Moten       |
| 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 3627     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 26386    | Walter H. Downing     |
| 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 3918     | Pellie Collier        |
| 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 4169     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 4216     | Noley Allison         |
| 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 4286     | Henry Ballard         |
| 4366     | Louisa McGinnahan     |
| 27321    | Sauva Duval           |
| 5843     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 7897     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 13906    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 14352    | Henry Sunday          |
| 15314    | Jennie Odeleeda       |
| 16379    | Emery H. Linder       |
| 16737    | Susie M. Walker       |
| 18048    | Gland Humpo           |
| 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

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Re: Robert Freeman.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
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| 1360     | William Ellis    |
| 1365     | Julia E. C. Gray |
| 1374     | Sallie Pichler   |
| 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

Respectfully,

Jeane M. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1906.

Sandy Ellis,

Foreman, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your son, William Ellis, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Justice Choate, et al. ---S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

RECORDED AND INDEXED TO BEFORE THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, 1901.

COMMISSIONERS

*[Handwritten notes and signatures]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T./ APRIL 5th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jessie Choate for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Choate being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jessie Choate.  
Q How old are you, Jessie? A About 30 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q Do you live in Illinois District? A Yes, sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Samuel, he is of age. The others is Greeley.  
Q How old is Greeley? A 16.  
Q Sherman is the next one? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is Sherman? A 18.  
Q What is your father's name? A I don't know sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Sukie.  
Q Sukie what? A I don't know, sir, what it is.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your husband living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his name? A Ed Choate.  
Q Is he a citizen? A He was always denied.  
Q What was your name before you married Choate? A I lived with my Aunt, Eaton.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon  
Page 520, #516, Jessie Choate, Illinois District.

- Q You go by the name of Choate now, do you? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicants found thereon as follows: Page 945, #144, Jose Choate, Illinois District.  
Page 945, #134, Sherman Choate, Illinois District.  
Page 945, #135, Gore Choate, Illinois District.

- Q Did you have a child named Gore? A No, sir.  
Q Are Greeley and Sherman living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Jessie Choate is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. She avers she has two children, Greeley and Sherman, and their names are found upon the roll of 1896; Greeley's name being found upon said roll as Gore, but identified as the applicant. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Ressen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Ressen*

Josie Cheate, et al. --B.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of April, 1901.

M. D. Green

Notary Public

Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 5 1901.Post Office ManDistrict Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Joseph Choate Age 30

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 320 No. 376 District Illinois

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Lukey Citizenship Colored Dead

Names of Children:

|     |                            |                  |                 |                |                   |           |
|-----|----------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| 3.  | <u>James Greely Choate</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>945</u> | No. <u>135</u> | Dist. <u>Ill.</u> | <u>16</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Sherman</u>             | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>945</u> | No. <u>134</u> | Dist. <u>Ill.</u> | <u>18</u> |
| 5.  |                            | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
| 6.  |                            | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
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| 9.  |                            | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
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| 11. |                            | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |
| 12. |                            | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.             |           |

Application made by No 111.Stenographer J. V. Ransom

No (1) in 1896 Roll. 945 No 144 Illinois)  
(3) in 1896 Roll as "Gore Choate" Ills

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Josie Choate

<sup>said that</sup>  
a ~~relative~~ of the

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C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHAIRMAN

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Josie Choate  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
freedman Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 26 day of  
May, 1902.

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern DISTRICT. }

I, Edward Choate, on oath state that I am 48  
 years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the United States Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Vian (Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Josie Choate  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc. (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by freedman of the Cherokee Nation  
 and that said Josie Choate died on the 26 day of  
May, 1902.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

Edward X Choate  
his  
mark  
 { Ira S. Niles  
 (Must Be Two Witnesses.) { J. O. Rosson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of January, 1905.

SEAL

(Signed) Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
 \_\_\_\_\_ DISTRICT. }

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 1905.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

{ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Must Be Two Witnesses.) { \_\_\_\_\_

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905.

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., OCTOBER 12, 1906.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Josie Choate as a Cherokee Freedman.

SAMUEL VANN being first duly sworn by B. P. Rasmus, testified  
as follows:

ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER:

- Q. What is your name? A. Samuel Vann.  
Q. How old are you? A. About Twenty-nine I guess.  
Q. What is your postoffice? A. Vian.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Do you know Edward Choate? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Is he a Cherokee citizen? A. No sir.  
Q. Has he been married? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What was the name of his wife? A. Josie Choate.  
Q. Was she a Cherokee freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Is she living? A. No sir, she is dead.  
Q. Do you know when she died? A. Yes sir.  
Q. When? A. In May, May 26, 1903.  
Q. How many years ago is that? A. It has been three years this  
last gone May.  
Q. Did she have some children? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What are their names? A. One was named Sherman, and the other  
one he got killed about a year ago.  
Q. How far did you live from Josie Choate when she died?  
A. Was living right at her. In the house with her.  
Q. Was she living with her husband at that time? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Is her husband here to-day? A. No, he is not here.  
Q. What interest have you in this case? A. What interest?  
Q. Yes? A. Why, I want to get her land; I want part of it, that  
is all the interest I have got in it.  
Q. Are you related to her? A. I am her son.  
Q. You are a son of Josie Choate? A. Yes sir.  
Q. How old are you? A. About twenty-nine.  
Q. What is the name of your father? A. Jack Vann.  
Q. Are you a duly enrolled citizen- Cherokee freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What do you say the name of your mother is? A. Josie Choate.  
Q. Can you read and write? A. No sir.  
Q. In what year were you born? A. Well, I can not tell you, sir.  
Q. Have you ever been married? A. Yes sir.  
Q. When were you married? A. Been married about seven or  
eight years ago.  
Q. What date were you married?

- A. I couldn't tell you the date; before the United States law came in.
- Q. On what date did you file? A. File?
- Q. Yes, file on your land? A. About the fifth day of September 1905, if I am not mistaken.
- Q. How long ago has that been? A. A little over a year ago.
- Q. Are you sure? A. Yes sir; a year ago this last September.
- Q. Have you had any children born to you? A. Not nary one of them.
- Q. When did you first think about getting part of Josie Choate's land. A. Why, I have been thinking about it ever since she died, but I waited for my step-father to take hold of it. He was the head of the family.
- Q. Was it this last Spring that you first took any steps in the matter?
- A. Yes sir.
- Q. Who went to see you about it? A. No one at all.
- Q. Did anyone talk to you about it? A. I was up here this last Spring, this last spring sometime.
- Q. Were you present when Josie Choate died? A. Yes sir, I was right there.
- Q. Did you help hurry her? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Who did you get the coffin from? A. Jack Vann, my father, made the coffin.
- Q. Where is she buried? A. Right there at Sandtown.
- Q. In the cemetery? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What is the name of the cemetery? A. Sandtown, is all I know.
- Q. Did she have a doctor? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Who? A. Dr. Hunter.
- Q. Any other? A. And Dr. Hill from Tamaha, and another man, I don't know where he lives.
- Q. Were these colored men? A. No all white men.
- Q. What is Dr. Hunter's postoffice? A. Vian.
- Q. What is his other name, given name? A. I don't know.
- Q. What is the full name of Dr. Hill? A. I don't know that neither.
- Q. Does Dr. Hill live at Tamaha now? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Does Dr. Hunter live at Vian, now? A. Yes sir.

BY MR. . W. HASTINGS:

- Q. How long was your mother sick? immediately before her death?
- A. She was taken sick the 20th of March.
- Q. And was sick up until the 26th of the following May? A. Yes sir.
- Q. What was the matter with her? A. Some said she had consumption.

JACK VANN being first duly sworn, by B. P. Rasmus, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER:

- Q. What is your name? A. Jack Vann.
- Q. How old are you? A. I am about fifty-two or fifty-three.
- Q. Do you know this man, Samuel Vann, who has testified here?

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- A. Yes sir, he is my son.
- Q. What was the name of his mother? A. I Josie.
- Q. Is she dead? A. Yes sir.
- Q. When did she die? A. She has been dead now a little over three years.
- Q. Do you know in what month she died? A. Along in May, because I had some late cotton I wasn't through planting when they came after me to make her coffin.
- Q. Did you make the coffin in which she was buried? A. Yes sir, I made it.
- Q. In what year were you born? A. I can not tell you that sir.
- Q. In what year were you married the first time? A. I couldn't tell you that, it was a long time ago.
- Q. Do you know your birthday? A. No sir.
- Q. Have you had any children to die? A. No sir, I aint got but three, they are all living.
- Q. You and Josie Choate separated did you? A. Yes sir, and her and Ed married afterwards. This ~~one~~ is her oldest child.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q. You never made any record of the date of her death? A. No sir.
- Q. Can you read and write? A. No sir, I can write my name.
- Q. Do you know the date of the birth of any of your children?
- A. I believe I do of two of them. Let me see-- I want to be sure-- I wont be right sure about that, no sir.
- Q. Now, you are under oath, and we are inquiring of you the date of the death of Josie Choate, and I want to know if you are willing to state positively, under oath, now, the date of her death?
- A. Well, it was in May, sure, in May.
- Q. That we are not disputing, but we are asking you now, under oath, if you can state positively the year in which she died?
- A. To the best of my knowledge.
- Q. I am asking you if you know and can state positively?
- A. I never tried to keep any record of that, I know she died and I made the coffin in May.
- Q. But you are not willing to state positively? A. It was over three years ago.
- Q. Was it twenty years ago? that would be over three years ago?
- A. Of course, sir, that would be away over.
- Q. What I am asking you now is if you are willing to state positively the date of the year in which she died? A. I never kept no dates. I cannot give the date of the year, I just made her coffin.
- Q. When did you file? A. That was in 1904.
- Q. Was that after the land office moved to Tahlequah? A. Yes sir, I filed up there.
- Q. Do you remember when the Land Office opened at Vinita?
- A. No sir, I don't recollect that.
- Q. When the Land Office opened for the allotment of land you heard about it?

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- A. Yes sir, I heard about it, but I never paid no attention to it.  
Q. Do you know whether Jessie Choate was living then?  
A. I don't know, I want to be certain about that, and I wasn't stating anything about that.

TURNER WESSON being duly sworn by B. P. Ramus, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER:

- Q. What is your name? A. Turner Wesson.  
Q. How old are you? A. Fifty-one years old.  
Q. What is your postoffice? A. Muskogee.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee citizen? A. No sir.  
Q. Do you know Samuel Vann? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Is that the man who was on the stand here a few minutes ago?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. Did you know his mother? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What was her name? A. Her name was Choates.  
Q. What was her full name? A. Her full name was--I don't know as I know her name now, but I used to pass them this long time.  
Q. You can not remember her name? A. I can't remember it just now.  
Q. Do you know her husband? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What is his name? A. Ed Choates.  
Q. Is Sam Vann's mother dead? A. Yes sir, about that, she died, to tell you the truth.  
Q. When? A. In 1903, in May. I do not know the exact date but it was in May.  
Q. Are you positive as to that? A. Yes sir.  
Q. You know it was in 1903? A. Yes sir, to my best knowledge, in 1903.  
Q. You feel positive of that? A. Yes sir.  
Q. How long have you known the wife of Ed Choate? A. About eighteen years.  
Q. Are you any relation to her? A. No sir.  
Q. Where did she die? A. About three and a half miles south of Vian.  
Q. Were you there when she died? A. No sir, I was not there when she died; they sent for me, but I did not get there.  
Q. What is your profession? A. I am a preacher.  
Q. Did you preach her funeral? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Have you any record as to the date of that? A. Well, I have, I generally keep me a little note book, and put it right down where I preach, but I couldn't find it. How I know it was 1903 one of my sons was in a law suit and had a good deal of trouble in town, and he run off, and they called me to preach her funeral, and I had a note that was due for \$180 all running in collision together at the time I preached her funeral.  
Q. And that is how you know it was in May, 1903?  
A. And I have a little book here I keep such things in.  
Q. Have you got anything about the date of the death of the mother of Sam Vann in your book here? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What is it? A. (Witness shows note in account book.)  
Q. And you make these notes in your book at the time these people die? A. I do it while I am attending the funeral.  
Q. You made the note in that book there the day you attended the funeral? A. Yes sir, I just make a little note of it.  
Q. I notice a memorandum in this note book here of the date of the death of Joesey Coats is that the mother of Sam Vann?



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- A. Yes sir, that is the mother of Sam Vann.  
Q. Did you make that entry there on the day you preached her funeral?  
A. Yes sir, my wife generally sets them down, and I had her hunting that book up yesterday. I mean my main book, where I keep the funerals and everything, if I could have found it--

BY W. W. HASTINGS:

- Q. You read and write do you? A. Yes sir, I can read and write enough to keep my books, scribble them through.  
Q. Now, uncle, we are questioning you for the purpose of reaching the truth. Now, under oath, are you willing this morning to state positively the year in which Josie Choate, the mother of Sam Vann, and wife of Edward Choate, died? A. Yes sir, to the best of my knowledge.  
Q. Now, that is where I don't want you to catch y us. Listen now, what I ask you is are you able to state positively what year?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. And you will state positively, will you, the year in which she died? A. Yes sir, I cannot state anything else.  
Q. Now, under oath, what year did Josie Choate the wife of Edward Choate, die? A. 1903  
Q. Do you know Dr. Hill's name, at Tamaha? A. No sir.  
Q. Do you know Dr. Hunter? A. No sir.  
Q. Is Edward Choate living? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Was he there when she died? A. Yes sir, Well, I say he was-- I was not there myself.  
Q. When were you first spoken to about this? A. Yesterday mornin'.  
Q. Who spoke to you about it? A. Sam. He wrote to me, and I told him he better- to notify me when he wanted me or I might be off a preaching.  
Q. Now, you are absolutely positive as to the year when she died?  
A. Yes sir I am. I believe that was the year she died.  
Q. Now, I don't want you to be lying down on the thing and saying what you believe about it. I want you to say positively if you know it? A. Yes sir, that's my recollection.  
Q. Can you testify positively that that was the year 1903, like you can that this is 1905? A. Yes sir, I believe I can say it and be clear about it.  
Q. How many years ago was it? A. Been over three years ago. Three years ago last May. If I had had more time--

At the request of Mr. Hastings, attorney for Cherokee Nation, this case will be continued until Thursday, October 25, 1906.

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The undersigned being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly reported the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1906.

*E. P. Rasmussen*  
Notary Public



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, I. T., NOVEMBER 8, 1906.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of JOSIE CHOATE as a Cherokee freedman.

APPEARANCES:

For Applicant, No Appearance.

For Cherokee Nation, W. W. Hastings.

PAULINA HILL, being first duly sworn by B. P. Rasmus, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A Paulina Hill.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know how old I am.
- Q About 55? A I was born before the war.
- Q You are a Cherokee Freedman, are you? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know Jose Choate, or did you know her? A Yes sir.
- Q Is she living? A She is dead.
- Q Did you know her husband? A Yes sir.
- Q What was his name? A Ed Choate.
- Q She was a Cherokee freedma, was she? A Yes sir.
- Q Did she have some children Greely and Sherman? A Yes sir.
- Q When did Josie die? A She died about two years ago as well as I can recollect, it has been about that time.
- Q Do you know in what month she died? A No sir, I never paid any attention to the month.
- Q Do you know what part of the year, whether it was spring, summer, fall or winter? A It was along during the last of the summer.
- Q Were you at her house when she died? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you assist in her funeral? A Yes sir, I helped lay her out.
- Q You and she lived neighbors, did you? A Yes sir.
- Q How do you know what year she died? A No sir, I couldn't tell you what year she died because I don't know, I can't tell that.
- Q By studying can you state how many years ago it has been? A It has been about 3 years ago to the best of my knowledge.
- Q You think it has been that long, do you? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you think it could have been as long as 4 years ago? A I am telling you just as near as I can and not to tell a story.
- Q Now Ed Choate, the husband of Josie Choate filed an affidavit with the Commission on January 27, 1905, in which he stated that his wife Josie died on May 26, 1902, do you know whether that is correct? A I couldn't tell you that.
- Q Now that would be 4 years ago this last May? A I am just telling you all just as far as my judgment, just what I think about it.
- Q Well we are trying to get what you think according to what you thought. Do you think that is right or not? A I don't know whether it is right or not.
- Q You don't know? A No sir. That I cannot reach with my mind I want have nothing to do with it.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q Edmond has remarried? A Yes sir.
- Q What is his wife's name? A I think her name is Sarah.
- Q Was she a widow woman? A Yes sir.
- Q Was her name Sarah Herald when he married her? A Yes sir.
- Q Where did she live? A Way down in the bottom there somewhere. I never seed her until after he married her.
- Q Do you know whether she ever lived at Vinita? A I couldn't tell you where she lived.
- Q She might have lived up at Vinita then? A No telling where she lived, I never seen her until he married her and brought her to his house.
- Q But her name was Sarah Herald? A Yes sir.
- Q And she was a ~~single~~ widow woman herself? A Yes sir.
- Q She somewhat younger than Edmond? A Yes sir, she looks younger.
- Q Some 10 years younger? A No sir.
- Q Do you know where they got their license to marry, whether they got them at Vinita or not? A No sir, I couldn't tell you because I don't visit them that much.
- Q Do you know where they were married? A I don't know where they were married either.
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- Q Well there is no other Edmond Choate of about his age that is around near Vian that you know of, is there? A No sir.
- Q He didn't remarry until after his wife, Josie, died? A No sir.
- Q About how long after she died before he remarried, pretty soon?
- A It wasn't very long after she died.
- Q About how old a man is Edmond Choate, is he about 40 years old?
- A Well maybe.
- Q Is that your judgment about it? A Looks like he might be 40 or 50.
- Q He is the only Edmond Choate around Vian that you know of? A The only one I know of.
- Q And certainly the only one that married a woman named Herald within the last 4 or 5 years? A The only Ed Choate I know of.

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q Now about how long, if you know, was it that he married after his wife's death? A I can't tell you about how long his wife had been dead before he married.
- Q Was Josie Choate a relative to you? A No sir, just friends, that was all.
- Q You lived in the neighborhood of Vian, how long? A I have been to Vian a long time, I can't tell you how many years.
- Q 15 or 20 years, something like that? A Yes sir, pretty long time.
- Q Is this Ed, Edward, or Edmond Choate, the husband of Josie Choate, the only person you ever knew who lived in the neighborhood of Vian? A Yes sir.

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Mr. Hastings: I desire to offer in evidence on behalf of the Cherokee Nation a certified copy of a Marriage License and Certificate of marriage certifying that Edmond Choate of Vian was issued license to marry Mrs. Sarah Herreault of Vinita, Indian Territory, on the 24th day of July, 1902, and the certificate of marriage showing that they were married by J. M. Maddox on the 26th day of July, 1902.

On Behalf of the Commissioner: This certified copy of Marriage License and Certificate being in due form, the same will be filed and made a part of the record in this case.

This case will be closed and a decision rendered on the evidence heretofore introduced.

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Geo. H. Lessley, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Geo. H. Lessley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of November, 1906.

*B. P. Rasmus*  
Notary Public.

# CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
Northern District.

Filed Nov. 8, 1906.

I, Chas. A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the North-  
ern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was  
filed for record in my office the 16 day of August, 1902, at M.,  
and duly recorded in Book A, Marriage Record, Page 44.

SEAL

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said  
Territory, this 29 day of Oct., A. D. 1906.

(Signed) Chas. A. Davidson Clerk.

By N. P. Johnson Deputy.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, I. T., December 4, 1906.

I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, do  
hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in  
evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of Josie Choate  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Mattie M. Wall

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of December, 1906.

D. P. Rasmus  
Notary Public.

## MARRIAGE LICENSE.

United States of America, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
 Northern District.

No. 580

## To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Edmon Choat, of Vian, in the Indian Territory, aged 47 years, and Mrs. Sarah Herreald, of Vinita, in the Indian Territory, aged 37 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Vinita, Indian Territory, this 24 day of July A. D. 1902

SEAL

(Signed) Chas. A. Davidson  
 Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By Y. A. Chandler Deputy.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
 INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
 Northern District

I, J. M. Maddox, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 26 day of July, A. D. 1902, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 26 day of July A. D. 1902

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book C, Page 151

(SIGNED) J. M. Maddox.  
 A Minister of the Gospel.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the death of Josie Choate, a regularly enrolled freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

FINDING OF FACT AND CONCLUSION.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That on April 5, 1901, Josie Choate appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of, among others, herself as a Cherokee freedman. The others included in said application have been heretofore disposed of, and their rights to enrollment will not be considered in this decision. The records further show that the name Josie Choate appears upon a partial roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation approved by the Secretary of the Interior January 16, 1903, opposite No. 1291, and that on January 25, 1905, Edward Choate, husband of the said Josie Choate, made affidavit that the said Josie Choate died May 26, 1902. Further proceedings relative to the death of said Josie Choate were had before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 12 and November 8, 1906. A marriage license and certificate showing that on July 24, 1902, license was granted one Edmon Choate to marry Mrs. Sarah Werreald, and that said parties were united in marriage on July 26, 1902, is filed herewith and made a part of the record herein.

At Muskogee, Indian Territory, on October 12, 1906, Samuel Vann appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and testified as follows: My name is Samuel Vann. I am about twenty-nine years of age, and my postoffice is Vian. I know Edward Choate, and also knew Josie Choate who was his wife. She died May 26, 1903. She was my mother. I was present when my mother, Josie Choate, died, and helped bury her. My father, Jack Vann, made the coffin. She was buried right there at Santown. Two Drs. were employed during her sickness. Dr. Hunter of Vian, and Dr. Hill who lives at Tanaha. My mother was taken sick the 20th of March and was sick up until the 26th of the following May.

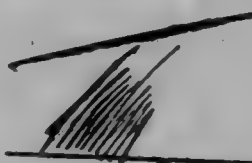
Jack Vann, same day and place, testified as follows: My name is Jack Vann. I am about fifty-two years of age. I am acquainted with Samuel Vann who has testified here. He is my son. His mother's name was Josie. She has been dead now a little over

three years. She died along in May. I made the coffin in which she was buried. Josie Choate and I separated, and she afterwards married Ed. This Sam is her oldest child.

Turner Wesson, same day and place, testified as follows: My name is Turner Wesson. I am fifty-one years old, and my post-office is Muskogee. I know Samuel Vann who was on the stand here a few minutes ago. I also knew his mother. Her name was Choate. I do not remember her full name, but she was the wife of Ed Choate. She died in 1903. I do not know the exact date, but it was in May. I was not present when she died. They sent for me, but I did not get there. I am a preacher, and preached her funeral sermon. Q. Have you any record as to the date of that? A. Well I haven't, I generally keep me a little note book, and put it right down where I preach, but I couldn't find it. How I know it was 1903 one of my sons was in a law suit and had a good deal of trouble in town, and he run off, and they called on me to preach her funeral, and I had a note that was due for \$180 all running in colision together at the time I preached her funeral. Q. And that is how you know it was in May, 1903? A. And I have a little book here I keep such things in. Q. Have you got anything about the date of the death of the mother of Sam Vann in your book here? A. Yes sir. Q. What is it? (Witness shows note in account book) Q. And you make these notes in your book at the time these people die? A. I do it while I am attending the funeral. Q. You made the note in that book there the day you attended the funeral? A. Yes sir, I just make a little note of it. Q. I notice a memorandum in this note book here of the date of the death of Josey Coats is that the mother of Sam Vann? A. Yes sir, that is the mother of Sam. Vann. Q. Did you make that entry there on the day you preached her funeral? A. Yes sir, my wife generally sets them down, and I had her hunting that book up yesterday. I mean my main book, where I keep the funerals and everything, if I could have found it--".

At Muskogee, Indian Territory, on November 8, 1906, Paulina Hill appeared before this office and testified as follows: My name is Paulina Hill, and I am about fifty-five years of age. I knew Josie Choate during her lifetime. She died about two years ago as well as I can recollect. She was the wife of Ed Choate. I do not remember the exact date of her death, but it was along during the last of the summer. I was present at her house when she died and assisted in her funeral. Edmond has remarried since the death of Josie Choate. He married a widow woman by the name of Sarah Herald. This Edmond Choate is the only person that I ever knew by that name. He lived near Vian. Edmond Choate did not remarry until after the death of his wife, Josie.

In view of the foregoing, I am of the opinion that Josie Choate died prior to September 1, 1902, and so hold.



Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this DEC 19 1906



Cherokee Freedmen

No. 512.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 21, 1906.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

On January 27, 1905, there was received by the Commission a death affidavit signed by Edward Choate showing the death on May 26, 1902, of Josie Choate, whose name is listed on Cherokee Freedmen card, Field No. 512, and whose name appears on a schedule of Cherokee Freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, opposite No. 1291.

Edward Choate, Vian, Indian Territory, husband of Josie Choate, has this day been informed that he would be permitted to appear before the office of the Commissioner on Thursday, July 26, 1906, and submit such testimony as he has tending to show that his said wife died subsequent to September 1, 1902. The Cherokee Nation will also be permitted to appear on that day and introduce such testimony as it may desire in the matter.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.



Cherokee Freedmen  
512

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906

J. W. Glass,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There are returned herewith affidavits by Sherman Choate, Jack Vann and Samuel Vann, which were recently left by you at this office, in connection with the right to enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Josie Choate.

You are advised that this office does not file affidavits in connection with citizenship cases in the Cherokee Nation.

You have been verbally informed as to the citizenship status in the Cherokee Nation of Josie Choate.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

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man 512.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 16, 1906.

J. Wood Glass,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a certified copy of letters of administration issued out of the United States Court, Northern District, Indian Territory, for the estate of Josie Choate, deceased, which was recently left by you at this office.

The hearing as to the date of the death of said Josie Choate has been continued until October 25, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

Cherokee  
P. 512

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 21, 1906.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the testimony of October 12, 1906, taken in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Josie Cheate as a Cherokee freedman.

Respectfully,

Encl. H.J.-1.  
H.J.C.

Commissioner.



Cherokee F.  
512

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 27, 1906.

J. Wood Glass,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on motion of the Attorney  
for the Cherokee Nation, the hearing in the Cherokee freedmen  
enrollment case of Josie Cheate has been continued from  
October 25, to November 8, 1906.

Respectfully,

H.J.C.

Commissioner.

Cherokee  
F 512

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 24, 1906.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of supplemental testimony taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 8, 1906, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Josie Choate as a Cherokee Freedman.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-61.  
GHL

Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen  
512

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906

Sherman Choate,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed a copy of the Commissioner's opinion dated December 19, 1906, holding that your mother, Josie Choate, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, died prior to September 1, 1902. The record in the case, together with the Commissioner's opinion has this day been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for action thereon, and it has been recommended that the name of your mother be stricken from the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen and that the application for her enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

L M B

Acting Commissioner

Encl. B-101

Cherokee Freedmen  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

There is enclosed a copy of the Commissioner's opinion dated December 19, 1906, holding that Josie Choate, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, died prior to September 1, 1902. The record in the case, together with the Commissioner's opinion has this day been forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for action thereon, and it has been recommended that the name of Josie Choate be stricken from the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen and that the application for her enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

L H B

Acting Commissioner

Encl.B-100

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 20, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed an opinion of the Commissioner dated December 19, 1906, holding that Josie Choate, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, died prior to September 1, 1902.

The name of Josie Choate appears upon a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Department January 16, 1903, opposite No. 1291. The approval of the Commissioner's opinion is recommended and it is also recommended that the name of Josie Choate be stricken from the approved partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen, and that the application for her enrollment be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Encl. B-99

Acting Commissioner



Refer in reply to the following:

Land. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
112786-1906. OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
(COPY) WASHINGTON.

February 11, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 20, 1906, enclosing an opinion of the Commissioner, dated December 19, 1906, holding that Josie Choate, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, died prior to September 1, 1902. It appears that her name is on a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Department January 16, 1903, opposite No. 1291.

The affidavit of her former husband, Edmon Choate, shows that she died the 26th day of May, 1902. It further appears, from the marriage license attached to the record, that Edmon Choate secured a marriage license to marry Sarah Herreald two days prior to his first wife's death, and the marriage was performed, according to the certificate of the minister who performed the ceremony, on the same day that Josie Choate, the first wife, died. There is some testimony in the record tending to show that the death occurred on May 26, 1903, this testimony being from persons who would be financially benefitted by being able to establish this fact.

The Office is of the opinion that it is established

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that the death occurred on May 26, 1902, and therefore concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner that the name of Jemie Choate be stricken from the approved partial roll of Cherokee freedmen.

Very respectfully,

C.F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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DIRECT.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

JFJr.  
W.H.M.

I.T.D. 2996-1907.

February 14, 1907.

LRS

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

On December 20, 1906, you recommended that the name of Josie Choate, which appears opposite No. 1291, upon the approved partial roll of Cherokee freedmen, be cancelled, it appearing, from testimony taken before you, that the said Josie Choate died prior to September 1, 1902.

Concurring in the recommendation of the Indian Office, in its letter of February 11, 1907, the Department has cancelled the name of Josie Choate, opposite No. 1291, on said roll, and has requested the Indian Office to take the same action.

You are authorized to cancel said name upon the proper roll in your office.

A copy of Indian Office letter is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan,

First Assistant Secretary.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 6, 1907.

Greely Choate,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that this office is in receipt of Departmental letter of February 14, 1907, authorizing the name of your mother Josie Choate to be stricken from the approved partial roll of Cherokee freedmen.

For your information there is enclosed herewith a copy of Departmental decision referred to.

Respectfully,

Encl. HJ-51.  
HJC

Commissioner.

Cherokee  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 6, 1907.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that this office is in receipt of Departmental letter of February 14, 1907, authorizing the name of Josie Cheate to be stricken from the approved partial roll of Cherokee freedmen.

For your information there is enclosed herewith a copy of Departmental decision referred to.

Respectfully,

Encl. HJ-52.  
HJC

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 21, 1907.

Chief Clerk,

Cherokee Land Office.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that on February 14, 1907,  
(I.T.D.2996-07), the Secretary of the Interior authorized  
this office to strike the name of Josie Choate, roll No.  
1291, from the approved roll of Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY AND NAVY DEPARTMENT  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
St. Gibson, I T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Philip Glass for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Philip Glass.  
Q How old are you? A 56 something along there I guess.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other nation or tribe to be enrolled?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife Rachel.  
Q How old is she? A About fifty years old I think she was.  
Q And children? A Sam Glass, about thirty years old.  
Q Have you got any children under 21 years of age? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 535 #772 as Isaac Glass, Illinois District, adopted col'd

Applicant: My wife is dead.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined  
and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 950 #265 Isaac Glass, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it since 1880? A No sir.  
Q Was you a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A John Glass.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Philip Glass is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as ~~Isaac~~ Isaac Glass, and duly identified as he applicant; and his name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Isaac Glass; he is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Philip Glass will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*Chas. Needles*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office Vian

District Ill

1. Name Phillip Glass

Age 56.

Owner's name John Glass

Citizenship Cherokee

Year 1880 Page 535 No. 772

District Ill

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Rachel Glass

Age 50-00

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer Gre. M. R.

(1) - Roll on "Isaac Glass"

(2) - 96 " 980 #265 Ill 3.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lee Davis for the enrollment of two children, Isaac and Napoleon, as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified:

- Q What is your name? A Lee Davis.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Davis? A 36.  
Q What is your post-office address? A My post-office is Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A I apply for my children, I am a state man.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Eliza.  
Q How old is she? A She is dead now.  
Q How old was she? A She was 21 when we married.  
Q What was her father's name? A Jones; I don't know his other name; he was dead when we married.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Nan Jones.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your wife ever married before you married her? A No sir.  
Q Were you ever married before? A No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Ike Davis.  
Q Isaac Davis? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is he? A Nine years old.  
Q You have got two? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Napoleon.  
Q How old is Napoleon? A He will be 8 in August, he is 7.  
Q Was your wife a Cherokee Freedman woman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation except the Cherokees? A No sir.  
Q What was her owner's name? A I don't know, sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife identified as follows:  
page 704 #700 Liza Jones, Sequoyah Dist, native colored;

1896 census roll examined and applicants wife and children identified thereon as follows:  
page 1123 #36 Eliza Davis Sequoyah Dist;  
page 1123 #37 Isaac Davis, Sequoyan District;  
page 1123 #38 Napoleon Davis Sequoyah District.

- Q Are these children living? A Yes sir.  
Q Has your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q These children are living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q You don't claim to be a citizen yourself? A No sir.  
Q Were you married according to the laws of the Cherokee Nation; did you get a license? A Well I don't know exactly whether it was according to Cherokee laws, or not; I got my license at Muskogee.  
Q ~~Did you~~ You got license at Muskogee from the United States court there? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The applicant applies for the enrollment of his two children, Isaac and Napoleon Davis, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1896; he avers that they are the children of Eliza Davis, his wife and she was a daughter of Nancy ~~Senesby~~ now deceased, and the name of Eliza Davis is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; the two children named are fully identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Isaac Davis and Napoleon Davis will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

M.D.Green

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

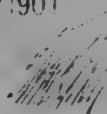
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 32 1901

Post Office Redland St

District Sequoia

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|                |           |           |        |            |   |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------|------------|---|
| 1. Isaac Davis | Year 1896 | Page 1123 | No. 37 | Dist. Seq. | 9 |
| 2. Naphtan     | Year "    | Page 1123 | No. 38 | Dist. "    | 7 |
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Application made by

Lee Davis

Stenographer

M. E. Green

2 On 1896 roll as Naphtan Davis

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Jack Vann - 8.

Prince O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that an stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Port Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jack Vann for the enrollment of himself, his wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen. Jack Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jack Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 52.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my wife and two children.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Rosa.  
Q How old is she? A She is about 36.  
Q What is her father's name? A Ben Snow.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Ruth Snow.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Lovely Vann.  
Q How old is he? A 14.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Dara, going on 15.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Jack Vann on page 600, No. 2123, Illinois district;  
Rosa Vann on page 46, No. 1275, Canadian district, as Rosie Snow.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Jack Vann on page 967, No. 651, Illinois district;  
Rosa Vann on page 967, No. 652, Illinois district, as Rose Vann;  
Lovely Vann on page 967, No. 653, Illinois district;  
Dara Vann on page 967, No. 654, Illinois district, as Daisy Vann.  
Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No, sir.  
Q How about your wife, has she always been here? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Jack Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He avers that he was married to one Rosa Snow, a Cherokee Freedman, and the name of Rosa Snow is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Rose Vann, her present name. He stated that he has two children by said marriage, Lovely and Dara, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of residence, and the said Jack Vann and his wife and the two children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Jack Vann - 2.

Bruce S. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce S. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

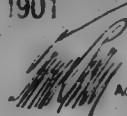
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office VianDistrict Ill1. Name Jack ~~son~~ Vann Age 52

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 600 No. 2125 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Rosie Vann Age 26

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 46 No. 1273 District Can

Parents:

Father Daniel Snow Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Ruth Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3. Lovely Vann Year 1896 Page 967 No. 653 Dist. Ill4. Dara " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page 967 No. 654 Dist. "

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by No. 11Stenographer James B C

(1) - 96 Roll 967 # 651 Ill

{ (2) - 88 Roll Rose Snow

{ (2) - 96 " 967 # 652 Ill }

(4) - 96 Roll as Darry Vann

Cherokee F-513.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., October 11, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jack Vann, his wife, Rosa, and children, Lovely and Dara Vann as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Rosa Fornia, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rosa Fornia.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q You are a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You were formerly the wife of Jack Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir, he is living in the neighborhood where I am.  
Q Are you separated? A Yes sir, we have been separated about eight years.  
Q Since you separated you have married Fornia? A Yes sir, he is a state man.  
Q What is his full name? A Sam Edward Fornia.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 24th day of May, 2 years this coming May.  
Q A year ago last May? A Yes sir.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*May Hudson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 1904.

*Samuel Truman*  
Notary Public.



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Thomas Brew - 2.

Applicant: You didn't get the last child.  
What is the last one? A Henkle, about 3 months old.

Commissioner Henkle: — five children, to-wit, Mrs.  
Salter, whose name is found upon the census roll of  
1898, and two younger children, Kate and Henkle, whose  
names are not found upon the said roll, having been born after  
said roll was compiled, but he presents satisfactory proof  
of their birth.  
They are all duly identified according to page and  
number of the roll, and make satisfactory proof of residence,  
and consequently Thomas Brew and his wife Ruth and his children  
as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee  
freemen.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Drew for the enrollment of himself, wife and five children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Thomas Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Thomas Drew.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know just exactly, about 45.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I want to enroll for my wife and five children.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Ruth.  
Q How old is she? A I guess about 40.  
Q Give me the names of your children under 21 years of age, commencing with the oldest? A My oldest living child is 13.

- Q What is its name? A Nip.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Sallie.  
Q How old is Sallie? A 10 years old.  
Q Well? A The next one is Gano.  
Q How old is Gano? A Going on 6.  
Q Give me the next one? A Katie; that one is not on the roll.  
Q How old is Katie? A Going on 3 years old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Thomas Drew identified thereon, page 13, No. 331, Canadian district.

- Q What was your wife's father's name? A Caleb Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Sallie Vann.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q Was your wife ever married before she married you? A She lived with a man, I don't think they were ever lawfully married.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Ruth Drew identified thereon, page 597, No. 2072, Illinois district, as Ruth Vann.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Thomas Drew on page 946, No. 185, Illinois district;  
Ruth Drew on page 946, No. 156, Illinois district;  
Nip Drew on page 946, No. 157, Illinois district;  
Sallie Drew on page 946, No. 158, Illinois district;  
Gano Drew on page 946, No. 159, Illinois district.

- Q Are these children all alive and living with you at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was your wife born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she ever lived outside of it? A Not as I know of.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Thomas Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He avers that he was married to one Ruth Vann, a Cherokee Freedman, and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Ruth Vann and upon the census roll of 1896 as Ruth Drew. He avers that as the result of said marriage he has four children —

Thomas Drew - 3.

Applicant: You didn't get the last child.

Q What is the last one? A Henrietta, about 3 months old.

Commissioner Needles: — five children, to-wit, Nip, Sallie, Gane, whose names are found upon the census roll of 1896, and two younger children, Katie and Henrietta, whose names are not found upon the said roll, having been born after said roll was compiled, but he presents satisfactory proof of their birth.

They are all duly identified according to page and number of the roll, and make satisfactory proof of residence, and consequently Thomas Drew and his wife Ruth and his children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

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Commissioner.

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le **CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. #516**

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Natie Drew*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *April 24th*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Katie Drew (Here insert name of child), born on the 28 day of August, 1898  
Name of Father: Thomas Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ruth Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Nash, TN

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ruth Drew, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by Charles Friedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Drew, who is a citizen, by  
Charles Friedman of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 28 day of August, 1898 that said child has been  
named Katie Drew, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Duncan  
Willie McBlancher

Ruth Drew  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lattie Drew, midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ruth Drew, wife of Thomas Drew  
on the 28 day of August, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Katie Drew.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Duncan  
Willie McBlancher

Lattie Drew  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Henrietta Drew

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

April 24th

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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ANTHONY C. G. H. M. M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation;  
of Henrietta Drew (Here insert name of child) born on the 27 day of January, 1901.  
Name of Father: Thomas Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation;  
Name of Mother: Ruth Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Seair, Ia

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Ruth Drew, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Indian, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Thomas Drew, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of January, 1901; that said child has been  
named Henrietta Drew and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Conner  
William McBlanchard

Ruth Drew  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Lottie Drew, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ruth Drew, wife of Thomas Drew,  
on the 27 day of January, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Henrietta Drew.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

John Conner  
William McBlanchard

Lottie Drew  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
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George New - 8.

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Brice O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Drew for the enrollment of himself, his wife, four children, one grandchild, and one nephew as Cherokee Freedmen.

George Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Drew.
- Q How old are you? A I guess I must be about 40, I don't know exactly.
- Q What is your post office? A Vian.
- Q What district do you live in? A I live in Illinois district.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.
- Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and some children.
- Q About how many? A About five.
- Q What is your wife's name? A Lottie Drew.
- Q How old is she? A She must about, me and her are about the same age.
- Q What is your father's name? A George Drew; he is dead.
- Q What was your mother's name? A Diana Drew.
- Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the names of your children, the oldest one? A The oldest one is dead, but what is living, the oldest one is Lucy.
- Q How old is Lucy? A She must be nearly about 20.
- Q Is she married? A No, sir.
- Q What is the next one? A Charlie, that is the next one.
- Q How old is Charlie? A I don't know exactly.
- Q Is he married? A No, sir.
- Q About how old is he then? A He must be something going on 15.
- Q How what is the next one? A Jesse.
- Q How old is Jesse? A He must be about 18.
- Q Is he older than Charlie? A No, sir, I don't know the ages.
- Q Is he younger than Charlie? A I don't know their ages.
- The ages of the applicants children, as shown by the 1896 census roll, are as follows:  
Lucy on 1896 roll as 20 years old;  
Lewis on 1896 roll as 13;  
Charlie on 1896 roll as 12;  
Jesse on 1896 roll as 8;  
Jane on 1896 roll as 6.
- Q Is Jane the youngest child? A Yes, sir, she is the baby, now Lewis she has got a little baby.
- Q What is its name? A I don't remember it.
- Q How are you going to enroll if if you haven't got any name for it? Lucy is of age and ought to be here herself; is she living with you? A Yes, sir.
- Q How far do you live from here? A I live about six miles from Vian.
- Q She is about 24 or 25 years old, Lucy, she ought to be here herself; is she sick? A She couldn't come.
- Commissioner Needles: Lucy will have to apply for herself.
- Q Is this youngest child named Lem; it is a baby, is it? A Yes, sir, Lewis' baby.
- Q Its mother's name is Lewis, is it? A Yes, sir; now I have

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got a little child I have raised, an orphan child, my wife's sister's child.

- Q What is the name of the child? A Robert Mackey I guess.  
Q What is its mother's name? A Mag Wright, I guess she goes by.  
Q Is she living? A She is dead.  
Q How old is Robert Wright? A He is about 8.

Commissioner Needles: This child is named Robert Wright.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

George Drew on page 524, No. 582, Illinois district;

Lottie Drew on page 524, No. 583, Illinois district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

George Drew on page 946, No. 166, Illinois district;

Lottie Drew on 1896 roll, page 946, No. 167, Illinois district;

Lewis Drew on page 946, No. 169, Illinois district;

Charlie Drew on page 946, No. 170, Illinois district, as Charley Drew;

Jesse Drew on page 946, No. 171, Illinois district, as Jessie Drew;

Jane Drew on page 946, No. 173, Illinois district.

Q Who was the mother of Lem Drew? A Lewis.

Q Is she married? A No, sir.

Q His name then is Lem Drew? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name of Mag Wright found thereon, page 55, No. 1540, Canadian district, as Maggie Wright.

Q Is Maggie Wright dead? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her father's name? A Alf Wright.

Q What was her mother's name? A Alice.

Q And you have been raising this boy Robert? A Yes, sir.

Q Is he alive and living with you? A Yes, sir.

Q This ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ child here that you have mentioned, is that the child of Maggie Wright? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Robert Wright found thereon, page 947, No. 173, as

Robert Drew; note on roll says "Enrolled with Maggie Wright."

Q Do you call this boy Drew or Wright; what is his proper name; what is his mother's name? A She was named Wright.

Q She wasn't married when the child was born? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of George Drew and his wife Lottie are found upon the census roll of 1880 as well as the roll of 1896. He avers that he has four children under 21 years of age, namely, Lewis, Charlie, Jesse and Jane, whose names are found upon the census roll of 1896. He states that his daughter Lewis has a child named Lem Drew, whose name does not appear upon said roll, but he presents satisfactory proof of his birth. He also applies for the enrollment of one Robert Wright, an orphan child, who he avers is the child of Maggie Wright, and the name of Maggie Wright is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and the name of the child Robert is found upon the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of residence and consequently George Drew, his wife Lottie, and his children as enumerated herein, together with his grandchild Lem Drew, and the orphan child in his custody, to-wit, Robert Wright, will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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George Drew - 3.

Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office *Gian*District *III*1. Name *George Drew* Age *110*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *524* No. *582* District *III*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife *Lottie Drew* Age *40*

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *524* No. *583* District *III*

Parents:

Father *George Drew* Citizenship *Cal* *D*Mother *Drew* " " Citizenship " *D*

Names of Children:

|                                | Year        | Page       | No.            | Dist.            |               |
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| <del>George Drew</del>         |             |            |                |                  | <i>20</i>     |
| 3. <i>Lehardt</i>              | <i>1896</i> | <i>946</i> | <i>No. 170</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>16.</i>    |
| 4. <i>Jesse</i>                | <i>1896</i> | <i>946</i> | <i>No. 171</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>12</i>     |
| 5. <i>Lewis</i>                | <i>1896</i> | <i>946</i> | <i>No. 169</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>17.</i>    |
| 6. <i>Jane</i>                 | <i>1896</i> | <i>946</i> | <i>No. 172</i> | <i>Dist. "</i>   | <i>11</i>     |
| 7. <i>Robert</i>               | <i>1896</i> | <i>947</i> | <i>No. 173</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>7m</i>     |
| 8. <i>Robert Mackey Wright</i> | <i>1896</i> | <i>947</i> | <i>No. 173</i> | <i>Dist. III</i> | <i>5 yrs.</i> |
| 10.                            | Year        | Page       | No.            | Dist.            |               |
| 11.                            | Year        | Page       | No.            | Dist.            |               |
| 12.                            | Year        | Page       | No.            | Dist.            |               |

Application made by

*No (1)*

Stenographer

*James B. C.*

(1) - 96 Roll

(2) - 96 "

(3) - 96 Roll "Clarking Drew"

(7) Affidavit of Birth filed

(8) on 96 Roll as "Robert Drew"

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sam Drew*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *April 24th*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lem Drew - born on the 25 day of September, 1900.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Charley Wright, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lewis Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vian, IT.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Lewis Drew, on oath state that I am  
Cherokee Freedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
years of age and a citizen, by unlawful  
that I am the lawful wife of Charley Wright, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 25 day of September, 1900; that said child has been  
named Lem. Drew and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Lottie Drew, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lewis Drew, wife of Charley Wright,  
on the 25 day of September, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Lem. Drew.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

John Coleman  
Willie McDaniel

Lottie Drew  
work

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., November 12, 1904.

In the matter of the application of George Drew for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Lottie, his children, Charlie, Jesse, Lewis and Jane Drew and grandson, Lem Drew, and his ward Robert Wright as citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Lewis Bean, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lewis Bean.  
Q How old are you? A 22  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Thomas Bean.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No.  
Q When were you married? A In August, I don't know the day.  
Q August of this year? A Yes.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, 1904.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Lucy Brew as a Cherokee Freedman.

George Brew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Application for the enrollment of Lucy Brew is made by her father, George Brew.

- Q What is your oldest daughter's name? A Lucy Brew.  
Q She is about 25, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her post office? A Vian.  
Q What is her district? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to have her enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to have her enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Has she always been recognized as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why isn't she here herself? A Some of them said she was there with me and I could register for her.  
Q You said a while ago she wasn't able to come? A She can't come very well.  
Q She is unmarried is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Lives with you in your family? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 224, No. 585, Illinois district;  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 943, No. 148, Illinois district.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Lucy Brew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, as well as the census roll of 1896. She is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

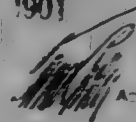
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Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

APR 17 1901

Date

Post Office

District

Vian

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife

Lucy Drew

Age

25

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 585

District

del

Parents:

Father

George Drew

Citizenship

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Mother

Lottie Drew

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

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Application made by

George Drew

Stenographer

Jas B. E

(1) - 96 Roll

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alex Vann for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.

Alex Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles,  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alex Vann.  
Q It is Alexander Vann isn't it? A Alex Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other  
tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Alex Martin.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Martha Vann.  
Q Is Martha Vann living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Is your wife a non citizen? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and  
the applicant identified thereon, page 60, No. 2150, Illinois  
district, as Alex Vann.  
Q Have you always lived in Illinois district? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived with your mother, Martha? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any children? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Alexander Vann is  
found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Alex Vann. His  
name is not found upon the census roll of 1896. He is duly  
identified, and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will  
be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of April, 1901.

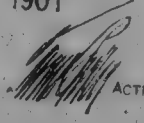


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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office NashDistrict Ill1. Name Alexander Vann Age 31

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 600 No. 2130 District Ill

Parents:

Father Alex Martin Citizenship CalMother Martha Vann Citizenship Cal

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by no (1)Stenographer J. B. C.

(1) - 80 Roll "Alex Vann"

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMISSION TO INQUIRE

FILE NO. 100-100000  
APR 17 1901

James Hester and Annie

James Hester and Annie  
said marriage he had two children named Hester and Annie.  
Their names are listed upon the census roll of 1890, and  
they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof of relationship.  
James Hester and Annie will be listed for enrollment of  
the children Hester and Annie, it will be necessary for the  
said James Hester to file with this Commission a certified  
copy of his marriage to Lucy, the mother of said children.

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said James Hester to file with this Commission a certified  
copy of his marriage to Lucy, the mother of said children.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 17th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Drew for the enrollment of himself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen.

James Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q How old are you? A I expect I am about 50 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many children? A There is 9 of us.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your oldest child? A Cornelia Drew.  
Q How old is she? A I expect she is -- (exhibits paper.)  
Cornelia Drew and Amanda Drew have already been enrolled.  
Q Colbert is 22 years old, he will have to come himself, and Amanda and Cornelia have been enrolled.  
A Well, Ida Drew, 18 years of age.  
Q The next one? A Jimmie.  
Q 16 years of age; Della, 13 years of age? A Yes, sir.  
Q Lena, 10 years of age; Hester, 6 years of age; Annie, 5 years of age; is that the last one now? A Yes, sir, that is all the children; and my mother, I want to enroll her.  
Q That makes six children, and three children enrolled makes 9 in all? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A She is named Lucy.  
Q Is she the mother of all these children? A She is the mother of the youngest ones; the mother of the oldest ones is dead.  
Q Lucy is the mother of who? A Hester and Annie.  
Q Is Lucy living? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is not a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q Who was the mother of the older children? A Ellen.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No, sir, she wasn't a citizen.  
Q Were you married to Ellen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Got any proof of your marriage? A Yes, sir, here is a man right here.

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Henry Brown, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Brown.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age; I think the last time I registered I registered about 40; about 44 now.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know James Drew? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you know his wife Ellen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q Were they married? A Yes, sir.  
Q How do you know? A They were married in my district by a



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preacher.

Q Did you see them married? A No, sir, I didn't see them married, but I heard they were married.

Q When was it, about, when they were married? A I can't give the days of the year; they lived in Canadian district.

Q Did they live together as man and wife until her death?

A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know their children Ida and Jimmie and Della and Lena?

A Yes, sir.

Q Were they born while they were living together as man and wife?

A Yes, sir.

Q They lived in the community as man and wife, did they? A Yes, sir.

Mr. W.W. Hastings, attorney for Cherokee Nation: Was this woman Ellen ever married before she married this man? A No, sir.

Q Was he ever married before he married Ellen? A No, sir.

Q Did he live with him until her death? A Yes, sir.

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James Drew, recalled, testified:

Commissioner Needles: Who can you prove that marriage to Lucy by?

Q I don't know that there is anyone here.

Q Who married you to Lucy? A Dan Walker, an ordained preacher living over in Canadian.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Q You can get a certificate from him and send us.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant James Drew identified thereon as follows:

James Drew on page 122, No. 326, Canadian district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

James Drew on page 947, No. 174, Illinois district;

Ida Drew on page 947, No. 178, Illinois district;

Jimmie Drew on page 947, No. 179, Illinois district, as Jamie Drew;

Della Drew on page 947, No. 180, Illinois district, as Delia Drew;

Q Is her name Della or Delia? A Delia.

Lena Drew on page 947, No. 181, Illinois district;

Hester Drew on page 947, No. 182, Illinois district;

Annie Drew on page 947, No. 183, Illinois district, as Anna Drew.

Q What was your wife Ellen's name before you married her? A She was named Ellen Walker.

Q What was Lucy's name? A Lucy Brewer.

Q Was Lucy ever married before she married you? A No, sir.

Q And you were a widower at the time, were you? A Yes, sir.

Q Are these children all living at this time? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.

Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.

Mr. Hastings: Did you have two older children named Willie and Lissie? A Yes, sir.

Q Was Ellen their mother? A Yes, sir, they are dead.

Commissioner Needles: The name of James Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He avers that he was married to one Ellen Walker, a non citizen, and makes satisfactory proof of marriage. He avers that by said marriage he has four children, minors, at this time, namely, Ida, Jimmie, Delia, and Lena. He avers that his wife Ellen is dead, and that since her death he has married one Lucy Brewer, a non citizen. He presents no satisfactory proof of his marriage to said Lucy Brewer. He avers that by

James Brow - X.

said marriage he has two children named Hector and Annie. Their names are all found upon the census roll of 1900, and they are duly identified, and make satisfactory proof of real estate, consequently James Brow and his children, Ida, Jimmy, Della, Lena, Hector and Annie will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of his children Hector and Annie, it will be necessary for the said James Brow to file with this Commission a certificate of his marriage to Mary, the mother of said children.

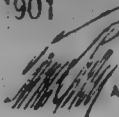
Bruce D. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce D. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 17th of April, 1901.

[Signature]  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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APR 17 1901

  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office VanDistrict Ill1. Name James Drew Age 50, about

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 12 No. 326 District Canadian

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|                        |  |           |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| (2) <u>Ida Drew</u>    | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>178</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>18</u> |
| (3) <u>Jammie</u> "    | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>179</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>16</u> |
| (4) <u>Bella Delia</u> | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>180</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>13</u> |
| (5) <u>Lena</u> "      | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>181</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>10</u> |
| (6) <u>Hester</u> "    | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>182</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>6</u>  |
| (7) <u>Annie</u> "     | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>947</u> No. <u>183</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>3</u>  |
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Application made by No 11Stenographer James B CCertificate of marriage of Ida to James to be filed

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(3) - 96 "Jammie Drew"

Bella Drew(7) - 96 Anna Drew

Woburn Fall Conn. U.S.  
June 20th 1893.

I E. D. Davis do  
Solemnize the rights of  
Matrimony Between Mr.  
June Drew <sup>age 14</sup> & Lucy Jane Brewster  
age 14. <sup>June</sup> ~~June~~ 20th 1893

E. D. Davis  
Minister M. G.  
insert N. B. Licenses record  
in Book 2, Page 190  
Witnesses  
D. H. Roake  
Taylor + Macky

CERTIFICATE OF RECORD.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY. } ss.  
Northern District.

I, Charles A. Davidson, Clerk of the United States Court in the Northern District, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the instrument hereto attached was filed for record in my office the 6 day of May, 1906, at M., and duly recorded in Book F, Marriage Record, Page 186

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Muskogee, in said Territory, this 6 day of May, A. D. 1906

Chas. A. Davidson Clerk.

By (Signed) N.P. Johnson Deputy.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, ~~Ind. T.~~ May 17 1909

I, the undersigned, a Stenographer to the Commission, to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original offered in evidence in the matter of application for enrollment of Delia New

as citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Louise Smith

Endorsements:

NORTH DIST. IND. TER.  
FILED MAY 6 1906  
CHAS. A. Davidson  
Clerk U.S. Court

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
FILED MAY 13 1909  
J. G. Wright,  
Commissioner.

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# MARRIAGE LICENSE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
Northern District.

No. 192

To any Person Authorized by Law to Solemnize Marriage—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to Solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between Mr. Thomas A. Petty, of Vian, in the Indian Territory, aged 34 years, and Miss Delia Drew of Vian, in the Indian Territory, aged 18 years, according to law, and do you officially sign and return this license to the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand and official seal at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 10th day of March A. D. 1906

SEAL

CHAS. A. DAVIDSON

Clerk of the U. S. Court.

By (Signed) J. F. Hamilton Deputy.

## CERTIFICATE OF MARRIAGE.

United States of America, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, } SS.  
Northern District

I, N. T. Turner, a Minister of the Gospel, DO HEREBY CERTIFY, that on the 17 day of March, A. D. 1906, I did duly and according to law as commanded in the foregoing License, solemnize the Rite and publish the Bans of Matrimony between the parties therein named.

WITNESS my hand this 17 day of March A. D. 1906

My credentials are recorded in the office of the Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern District, Book A, Page 234

(Signed) N. T. Turner

A Minister of the Gospel.

Cherokee Freedmen

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Muskogee, Oklahoma, May 18, 1909.

Mr. Thomas A. Petty,  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

In further reply to your letter of May 10, 1909, there are returned herewith marriage license and certificate of yourself and Delia Drew and Letters of Guardianship in the matter of the guardianship of Theodore Than Petty.

Respectfully,

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Incl. 5-3

Commissioner.



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# Department of the Interior.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

MUSKOGEE, IND. TER.

OFFICIAL BUSINESS.

Penalty for private use, \$300.

Department of the Interior.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Colbert Drew for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Colbert Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Colbert Drew.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jim Drew.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Ellen Drew.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant's father identified thereon, page 12, No. 326, Canadian district, James Drew.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Ellen Drew.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 94, No. 176, Illinois district, as Colbert Drew.  
Q Your name is Colbert, is it? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Colbert Drew is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Colbert Drew, and he is duly identified as the applicant. His name is not found on the authenticated roll of 1880. He avers that he is the son of James Drew. The name of James Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof of residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

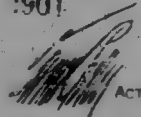
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office VianDistrict Illinois1. Name Colbert Drew Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 947 No. 176 District Ill

Parents:

Father James Drew Citizenship CalMother Ellen Drew Citizenship Cal D

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3.  |      |      |     |       |
| 4.  |      |      |     |       |
| 5.  |      |      |     |       |
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Application made by himselfStenographer James B. C.(D) 96 Roll Colbert Drew

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file and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

The Commission and testimony in the above cases, and the foregoing is a  
true and correct copy of the file classified copies in connection with the  
above cases, being with them, and that as stenographer to

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men.

Witness Taylor will be stated for enrollment as Cherokee Freed-  
men as he is to residence, and connected with Ose Taylor and  
Taylor who is the mother of said children. Registered with  
as Lemuel Osebo, and she is with identified as the name  
Taylor's name is found when the enrollment of 1880  
with identified as the children of Lemuel Taylor, and Lemuel  
of 1880, but she found on the same-division roll. They are  
William Taylor. Their names are not found when the census roll  
the subject enrolls for the enrollment of Ose and  
enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. \*\*\*\*\*  
Commissioner requires: That he gives subject for the en-

O VANCE TAYLOR, V. Yes, sir.

O They were born and raised in the Cherokee Nation, V. Yes, sir.

O Where, V. In Cherokee district.

O Where are they living, V. With me.

Are they living, V. Yes, sir.

Commissioner requires: Are these children, Ose and William Taylor,  
Martha Jones' mother, married, testified as follows:

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

O Ose and William Taylor,  
now omitted from the record, as having no bearing on rights  
as did witnesses 8, 9, 10, and 11. This testi-  
mony submitted, Martha Jones' mother, testified as to her own residence.

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O Ose and William Taylor - 3.

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**Straight Cherokee Freedman as to Osie and William Taylor.**

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Gales for the enrollment of herself and two orphan children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Martha Gales, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Martha Gales.

Q How old are you? A I am about 55.

Q What is your post office? A Muskogee.

Q What district do you live in? A Canadian district.

Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a freedman of any other nation? A No, sir.

Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A I tried to be but I don't think I am.

Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I think not; it is on two rolls.

Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My sister.

Q How old is your sister? A She is about 48.

Q Well she must appear for herself; have you any children under 21 years of age? A I have got two adopted children.

Q Are they Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir (exhibiting paper.)

Q Osie Taylor and William Taylor? A Yes, sir.

Q How old is Osie? A Going on 12 years old.

Q And Willie? A Going on 10.

Q What is the name of these children's father? A Henry Taylor.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.

Q Is he a citizen? A I don't know; he is a Cherokee citizen, yes, sir.

Q A Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q What is the name of their mother? A Fannie Taylor.

Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.

Q Was she a citizen? A Yes, sir, she is old uncle Martin Vann's daughter.

Q Her maiden name was Vann was it? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Martha Gales not identified thereon.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Martha Gales not identified thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton pay-roll examined and the applicant, Martha Gales, identified thereon, page 109, No. 2728, Tahlequah district, as Mattie Gales.

Q Your proper name is Martha? A Yes, sir, it is on Mr. Walke's roll that way.

Osie Taylor on Kerns-Clifton roll, page 109, No. 2727, Tahlequah district

William Taylor on page 109, No. 2728, Tahlequah district, as Willis Taylor.

Q Is his name Willie? A Willie or William.

Q You don't know whether these children's mother is on the roll of 1880 or not? A She is on the roll, I always heard she was on the roll.

Mr. W.V. Hastings, attorney for Cherokee Nation: You applied for these children before the Kerns-Clifton Commission, didn't you?

A Yes, sir.

Q You never claimed then their mother was on the 1880 roll?

A Their father always told me she was on the 1880 roll; maybe she is there as Fannie Crapo.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Fannie Crapo found thereon, page 518, No. 470, Illinois district.

Osie and William Taylor - 2.

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Note. Applicant, Martha Gales, testified as to her own residence, as did witnesses S. H. Benge and Mike Fields. This testimony omitted from this record, as having no bearing on rights of Osie and William Taylor.

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Martha Gales, recalled, testified as follows:  
Commissioner Needles: Are these children, Osie and Willie Taylor, are they living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where are they living? A With me.  
Q Where? A In Canadian district.  
Q They were born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Always lived here? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: Martha Gales applies for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman. ....

The applicant applies for the enrollment of Osie and William Taylor. Their names are not found upon the census roll of 1886, but are found on the Kerne-Clifton roll. They are fully identified as the children of Fannie Taylor, and Fannie Taylor's name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Fannie Grapo, and she is fully identified as the Fannie Taylor who is the mother of said children. Satisfactory proof has been made as to residence, and consequently Osie Taylor and William Taylor will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

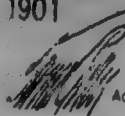
*Bruce O. Jones*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date 1061 21 84V APR 17 1901

Post Office Muscogee

District Canadian

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

(1) Ossie Taylor Year KC Page 109 No. 2727 Dist. Tall  
 (2) Willie Taylor Year KC Page 109 No. 2728 Dist. Tall  
 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_  
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 12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by

Martha Gales

Stenographer

Jones B. C.

(2) on Willie Taylor

JOR

Cherokee F-522

~~Allotment F-1319~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEELAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., January 23, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the selection of an allotment and the designation of a homestead in the Cherokee Nation for Willie Taylor, allotment F-1319.

Charles Gale, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Charles Gale.  
Q How old are you? A 57.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, I am not.  
Q You present letters of guardianship issued out of the U. S. Court, Indian Territory, Western District, at Muskogee on September 28, 1903, for William Taylor. Is that child living?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a minor? A Yes sir.  
Q With whom does he live? A He lives at my place in Canadian District, at the place I prepared for him.  
Q Does he live in your family? A He does.  
Q How long has he been living with you? A Since he was 5 months old.  
Q What is his father's name? A His father's name is Henry.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A I believe he is.  
Q Has he ever cared for or supported this child? A He has not.  
Q Did Willie have an older brother named Ozie? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir, he died the 11th of May, 1902.  
Q Did he also live with you? A He did.

Copies of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee freedman case No. 522, Ozie Taylor, et al.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the ~~supp~~ testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of January, 1905.

Daniel Forman  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905 (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 288 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 1        | 3        | Joel M. Watkins   |
| 12       | 43       | Henry C. Lowery   |
| 1607     | 4295     | Frank V. Ross     |
| 1677     | 23022    | Samie Woodall     |
| 1677     | 4479     | Lizzie Woodall    |
| 1696     | 4521     | Minnie Willey     |
| 1717     | 4559     | Sebe Cardrey      |
| 1786     | 4734     | Sibud Tally       |
| 1790     | 4738     | Frank Yates       |
| 1821     | 23084    | Freddie L. Davis. |

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| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|----------|-------------------|
| 1838     | 4857     | Bunny Craig       |
| 1882     | 4990     | Edith West        |
| 2028     | 5295     | Lucy Hughes       |
| 2191     | 5600     | Joseph Cox        |
| 2192     | 5661     | Vannie Headles    |
| 2204     | 5718     | William Beck      |
| 2219     | 5759     | Della Timson      |
| 2258     | 5879     | Jack Griffin      |
| 2273     | 5920     | Walter S. Kirk    |
| 2290     | 5949     | Lucy A. Jackson   |
| 2292     | 5957     | Vivian vers       |
| 2297     | 5972     | Lillie M. Sykes   |
| 2343     | 6059     | John Smith        |
| 2366     | 6112     | Thomas Daly       |
| 6156     | 14664    | Albert Jennings   |
| 6191     | 30354    | William Drew      |
| 7140     | 17006    | Horace G. Foster  |
| 7140     | 17007    | Vye Foster        |
| 7229     | 17189    | Bartow V. Lowrey  |
| 7248     | 17228    | Walter D. Leader  |
| 7246     | 17237    | Richard M. Walker |
| 7246     | 17243    | Buffalo D. Walker |
| 7429     | 17583    | Peachie gheemake  |
| 7438     | 17597    | Mary G. McCorkle  |
| 7536     | 17816    | Annie Young       |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.              |
|----------|----------|--------------------|
| 68       | 218      | Emily Tynar        |
| 70       | 224      | Patsey Martin      |
| 281      | 751      | John Anna Thompson |
| 296      | 783      | William Walker     |
| 390      | 2826     | Hannah Drew        |
| 522      | 1318     | Osie Taylor        |
| 681      | 1697     | William Thompson   |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1906 (I.T.D. 6240-1906), and October 4, 1906, (I.T.D. 12228-1906), as to the

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proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "Muskegee Phoenix", both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Muskegee, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in the "Muskegee Phoenix" was on March 2, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known postoffice advising the information



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received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-11.  
GHL

Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

LAND  
69312--1906.

C O P Y

September 18, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905, (I.T.D.618), June 2, 1905, (I.T.D.6240), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D.12228), and January 12, 1906, (I.T.D.110), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902. Commissioner Bixby transmits affidavits as to the deaths of certain of said persons. The numbers of the enrollment cards on which these persons are listed the numbers opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens and their names, are given in Commissioner Bixby's report. The Commissioner says that the Department's instructions of June 1, (I.T.D.6240), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with. The Commissioner further says that no information having been received that any one of the persons enumerated in his report was living September 1, 1902, he would recommend that their

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names be stricken from the approved partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of this office and the Department and that his office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits as to the deaths of these persons are herewith transmitted, and the recommendation of Commissioner Birby is concurred in.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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D.C. 44564.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

PER.

I.T.D.18350-1906.

October 3, 1906.

Y.P.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you transmitted affidavits relative to the death of certain persons whose names appear upon the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended, as departmental instructions of June 1, 1905, and October 4, 1905, as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with, that their names be stricken from the copies of the approved roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation.

Reporting September 18, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

Proper steps will be taken by the Department and the Indian Office for the cancellation of such names from the approved rolls, and you are authorized to strike their names from the proper rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

3  
43  
4295  
23022  
4479  
4521  
4559

Joel M. Watkins  
Henry C. Lowery  
Frank V. Ross  
Susie Woodall  
Lizzie Woodall  
Minnie Willey  
Sebe Cordey

Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.             |
|----------|-------------------|
| 4734     | Sibud Tally       |
| 4738     | Frank Yates       |
| 23084    | Freddie L. Davis  |
| 4887     | Tuny Craig        |
| 4990     | Edith West        |
| 6295     | Lucy Hughes       |
| 5660     | Joseph Cox        |
| 5661     | Vannie Measles    |
| 5718     | William Beck      |
| 5769     | Della Timson      |
| 5879     | Jack Griffin      |
| 5920     | Walter S. Kirk    |
| 5949     | Lucy A. Jackson   |
| 5957     | Vivian Vore       |
| 5972     | Lillie M. Sykes   |
| 6059     | John Smith        |
| 6112     | Thomas Daly       |
| 14664    | Albert Jennings   |
| 30364    | William Drew      |
| 17006    | Horace G. Foster  |
| 17007    | Vye Foster        |
| 17180    | Bartow P. Lowrey  |
| 17228    | Walter D. Leader  |
| 17237    | Richard V. Walker |
| 17243    | Bufalo D. Walker  |
| 17583    | Peachie Shoemaker |
| 17597    | Mary G. McCorkle  |
| 17616    | Annie Young       |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.              |
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| 215      | Emil Tyner         |
| 224      | Patsy Martin       |
| 751      | John Anna Thompson |
| 753      | William Walker     |
| 2626     | Hannah Drew        |
| 1318     | Osie Taylor        |
| 1697     | William Thompson   |

Respectfully,

Thos Ryan  
Acting Secretary.

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Cherokee Freedman  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 5, 1906

Willie Taylor,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment, as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation, of your brother, Osie Taylor, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior October 3, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mose Thompson for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Thompson being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mose Thompson.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Thompson? A I don't know exactly.  
Q About how old? A About 39 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Muskogee.  
Q What district do you live in? A My district is.  
Q You are living in Muskogee are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Farm in Illinois District? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I guess it is.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 590, #1916, Moses Thompson, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 965, #632, Mose Thompson, Illinois District.

- Q Mr. Thompson, have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir, plum up until I have been at Muskogee cooking.  
Q You have never lived outside the Indian Territory? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q Have you any children? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Mose Thompson is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof:

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

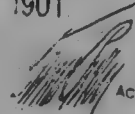
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date ~~1891~~ APR 17 1901Post Office *Bruscorge*District *Illinois*1. Name *Moses Thompson* Age *39*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *590* No. *1916* District *Ill*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by *No 11*

Stenographer

*Rosen J.O.**Doc 96 Page 965 # 632 Ill*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Amos Thompson*  
a citizen of the

Nation.

Approved

1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
APR 23 1902

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Moses Thompson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Leewards Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Mushoyee, Ind. Ter., and died on the 26 day of April,  
1902  
(Here insert name of post office.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Mariah Thompson, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the MS. Nation;  
 that my post office address is Mushoyee, Ind. Ter.; that I was  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
 wife of Moses Thompson,  
(State relationship, as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Leewards Nation;  
 and that said Moses Thompson died on the 26 day of  
April, 1902.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO NAME:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.)  
E. J. Potchberger  
Edward Leewards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902.

Mariah Thompson  
mark

E. J. Potchberger  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Dolly Merius, on oath state that I am 52  
 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption, of the Leewards Nation;  
 that my post office address is St. Gibson, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Moses Thompson,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Leewards Nation;  
 and that said Moses Thompson died on the 26 day of  
April, 1902.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO NAME:  
 (Must be Two Witnesses.)  
E. J. Potchberger  
Edward Leewards

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902.

Dolly Merius  
mark

E. J. Potchberger  
Notary Public.

C.F.B.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dugald Webber, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

|                  |                   |       |
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| Dugald Webber,   | Cherokee Freedmen | 12    |
| Ibbie Smith,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 198,  |
| Lula Mackey,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 213,  |
| Luster Foreman   | Cherokee Freedmen | 406,  |
| Moses Thompson   | Cherokee Freedmen | 523,  |
| Walter Vann,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 657,  |
| Fred Vann,       | Cherokee Freedmen | 847,  |
| Sidney Rogers,   | Cherokee Freedmen | 955,  |
| Solomon Johnson, | Cherokee Freedmen | 1230, |
| Carrie Nave,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 1314, |
| Jane Kernel,     | Cherokee Freedmen | 1359. |

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DECISION.

The records of this Commission show that applications were made to this Commission for the enrollment, as Cherokee Freedmen, of Dugald Webber, Ibbie Smith, Lula Mackey, Luster Foreman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Rogers, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Nave and Jane Kernel.

The records further show that on October 3, 1903, this Commission rendered its decision enrolling Solomon Johnson, and on March 5, 1904, its decision enrolling Carrie Nave, as Cherokee Freedmen.

The evidence shows that all the above named applicants died prior to September 1, 1902.

Section twenty-five of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), provides:

"The roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation shall be made as of September first, nineteen hundred and two, and the names of all persons then living and entitled to enrollment on that date shall be placed on said roll by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes."

It is, therefore, ordered that the decisions enrolling Solomon Johnson and Carrie Hays as Cherokee freedmen, in so far as they affect the said Solomon Johnson and Carrie Hays, be, and the same are, hereby set aside; and it is further ordered that the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber, Ibbie Smith, Lula Mackey, Luster Foreman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Rogers, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Hays and Jane Kernal, as Cherokee freedmen, be, and the same are, hereby dismissed, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act above quoted.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(SIGNED) Tams Bixby  
Chairman

(SIGNED) T. B. Needles  
Commissioner

(SIGNED) C. R. Breckinridge  
Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian territory,  
this MAY 13 1905

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen  
D-12 et al.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1905, dismissing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-43.

Tame Birby.

Chairman.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedman  
D-12 et al.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1905, dis-  
missing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber et al.,  
as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-44.

(SIGNED) *Tamr Bixby.*  
Chairman.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Willie Thomas for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Thomas being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Willie Thomas.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Thomas? A 22.  
Q What is your post office address? A McLain.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe of Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Henry Thomas.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Hannah Thomas.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 594, #2003, Willie Thomas, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Not married? A No, sir.  
Q Were you enrolled in 1896, do you know? A I don't know, sir, whether I was not or.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living in it now? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Willie Thomas is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but is not found upon the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

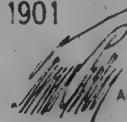
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1881

Post Office McLain

District Canadian

1. Name Willie Thomas Age 22

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 594 No. 2003 District Ill

Parents:

Father Henry Thomas Citizenship bol

Mother Hannah Citizenship Col

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by W. H. Roll

Stenographer Roscoe J. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of

D I N A H D R E W .

as a Cherokee Freedman.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 525.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1902 .

In the matter of the application of James Drew for enrollment of his mother, DINAH DREW, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Drew being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Drew.  
Q What is your age? A I 'speck I am near 50 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian, Illinois district.  
Q Who do you apply for to have enrolled? A For my mother, Dian Drew.  
Q How old is she? A I 'speck she is about 75 years old.  
Q Why is not she here herself? A She could not come here, she is sick and could not come here.  
Q Her physical condition is such that she could not be present?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she ever been married before she married Drew? A No, sir.

BY W. W. HASTINGS: Cherokee Representative:

- Q You say George Drew was her husband? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation and Dinah Drew's name not found thereon.

BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES:

- Q Her name does not appear to be on the roll of 1880? A Yes, it ought to be.  
Q Did she ever go by any other name besides Dinah? A No, sir.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 947, #203, Dianna Drew, Illinois District.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 131, #3272, Dian Drew, Canadian District.

- Q Was Dinah Drew a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know what her owner's name was? A Old John Drew.  
Q Did she go out of the Nation during the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A Yes, she was out in the Chickasaw Nation.  
Q Did she never go further than the Chickasaw Nation south?  
A No, sir.  
Q When did she return? A I don't remember the time.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Dinah Drew is found upon the census roll of 1896 and also upon the Kerns-Clifton roll. Her name cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. Satisfactory reason is given why she is not present. Her son testified that she was a slave and left during the war but never removed from the Indian Territory. The representatives of the Cherokee Nation offer no objection to her enrollment. She is duly identified and consequently she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

28. **Blank Draw--3.**

**Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.**

*A. H. H. H. H.*

**Commissioner.**



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office

District

Vian  
Illinois

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife

Dinah Drew

Age

75

Owners name

John Drew

Citizenship

Cherokee

Year

1887

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No. 203

District

Illinois

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

James Drew (Drew)

Stenographer

Ransom J. O.

(1) on 96 Roll

"Dianna Drew" (Dianna Drew)

(1) on K.C. Roll

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Delish M. M. M.*

a citizen of the  
~~freedom~~

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *August 2* 1905

*[Signature]* Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
D. F. L. E. D.

*August 2, 1905*

*Admitted in 1890*  
*as freedom man*  
*through Creek*  
*city with 100+*  
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Enrolled in 1896  
as free man on  
straight card  
citizenship not

August 2, 1905

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE CIVILIZED INDIANS

Commissioner

Approved August 2, 1905

Nation

a citizen of the

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THE DEATH OF

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Dinah Drew  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Nolan, Ind. Ter., and died on the 13th day of  
May, 1903.  
(Here insert name of post office.)

### AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, James Drew, on oath state that I am 50  
 years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Nolan, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Son of Dinah Drew  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Dinah Drew died on the 13th day of  
May, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 1905.

My Comm. Expires  
Jan. 29 - 1907

Notary Public.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lydia Fields nee Drew, on oath state that I am 55  
 years of age, and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Nolan, Ind. Ter.;  
 that I was personally acquainted with Dinah Drew  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Dinah Drew died on the 13th day of  
May, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MAKE:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of April, 1905.

My Comm. Expires  
Jan 29 - 1907

Notary Public.

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\_\_\_\_\_ Territory, \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED OF THE COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

for the purchase of land in F 525 Rural District

(Supl 8/24/5)

Accepted: \_\_\_\_\_  
Attorney: \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, I. T., AUGUST 24, 1905.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS, had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of DINAH DREW as a Cherokee Freedman.

JOHN T. DREW, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A John T. Drew.  
Q How old are you? A 55.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee by blood? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know Dinah Drew, an old freedman, who is now dead? A yes sir, I knew her.  
Q Do you know how long she has been dead? A No sir, I don't know just when she died.  
Q Was she the mother of James Drew, this man? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know whether or not she was the saave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the war of the rebellion? A Yes sir, she was a slave of my father.  
Q What was his name? A John Drew.  
Q Where did your father live at the commencement of the war? A Webbers Falls.  
Q That is in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Did Dinah Drew belong to him when the war broke out? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know where she went after the war began? A Yes sir, went out in the Chickasaw Nation during the latter part of the war, I believe we went there in 1863.  
Q Was she taken out there? A Yes sir.  
Q By whom? A My father.  
Q Do you know when she returned to the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q When? A In the fall of 1865.  
Q Did she come back with your father? A No sir, myself and mother, my father died before we returned.  
Q She came back with you and your mother? A Yes sir.  
Q That was in the fall of 1865? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know how long she continued to reside in the Cherokee Nation after that time? A I think she continued from that time until she died.  
Q You saw her from time to time did you? A Yes sir.  
Q You never heard of her living outside of the Cherokee Nation?  
A No sir.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q Where did she settle just after you first came back? A Lived for a short time over there to Doc Campbell's, Illinois District near Webbers Falls.  
Q Was she lived around in there ever since? A Yes sir.  
Q You had occasion to know her from time to time and to hear of her?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You know you brought her back and that was in 1865? A Yes sir.

WITNESS EXCUSED.



McCOY SMITH, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A McCoy Smith.  
Q How old are you? A 58.  
Q What is your post office? A Braggs, Indian Territory.  
Q You are a Cherokee by blood? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Dinah Drew, an old freedman who is now dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know when she died? A No sir, I don't.  
Q Did you know her prior to the Civil War? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did she belong? A She first belonged to my people, they raised her, then they traded her to old man Drew.  
Q Was that the father of John Drew who was just on the stand before you? A Yes sir.  
Q He was a recognized Cherokee by blood? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she belong to him at the commencement of the Civil War? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she leave the Cherokee Nation during the war, that you know of? A No sir.  
Q You don't know of that? A Well she went to the Chickasaw Nation, he taken her down there in time of the war down in below Tishomingo.  
Q Do you know when she returned to the Cherokee Nation? A They came back in the fall of 1865.  
Q Do you know whether Dinah Drew came back with them? A Yes sir, they brought her back.  
Q Do you know anything about how long she resided in the Cherokee Nation after that? A I don't suppose she was ever out of it.  
Q You never heard of it? A No sir.  
Q Did you see her from time to time? A Only twice after that.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q Do you know when she died? A No sir, I don't.  
Q Were you down there? A I was down at the Falls.  
Q When they come back? A Yes sir.  
Q She came back with young John Drew? A Yes sir, back with the old man's family.  
Q That was in 1865? A Yes sir.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

JAMES DREW, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A James Drew.  
Q How old ~~xxx~~ are you? A 53.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q You are a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the 1860 Roll? A Yes sir.  
Q You have selected your allotment, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q You are a son of Dinah Drew? A Yes sir, that is what they claim.  
Q When did she die? A I couldn't tell you exactly, just like I told you before, I don't know, I didn't keep no date, she died in May, but the date of the month I couldn't tell you.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q How many years ago? A About 3 years as near as I could guess at it. Two or three, just like I first say, I didn't have no date.

- Q Now it is important for you to know about what was going on or something so as to give us a date to determine the matter. Now you know from this last May how many years back was it? A I couldn't tell you, might have been a little over a years ago, and it might not have been that long, I couldn't tell you.
- Q Why did you say two or three years awhile ago? A Because I couldn't tell you, because I couldn't make a statement, he told me to get witnesses.
- Q Where did she die? A She died in Sandtown Bottom.
- Q Where were you living? A This side of Vian.
- Q How far from her? A About 5 miles I guess.
- Q Did she have any doctor with her when she died? A Yes sir, she had a woman waiting on her.
- Q A colored woman or white woman? A Colored woman.
- Q Did she have a doctor from town attending her? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you know whether therex was any medicine bought up there?
- A No sir, I don't, she died at my brother's house.
- Q Do you know whether they bought a coffin or made one? A They bought it from Mr. Scott.
- Q He made it? A Yes sir.
- Q And he was living there at the time? A Yes sir, and is living now.
- Q What is Mr. Scott's first name? A I couldn't tell you his given name, just called him Mr. Scott.
- Q Does Fox Glass know when she died? A Yes sir, I guess so.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

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George H. Lessley, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*George H. Lessley*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of August, 1905.

*Edward Morris*  
Notary Public.

*APM*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Dinah Drew as a Cherokee Freedman.

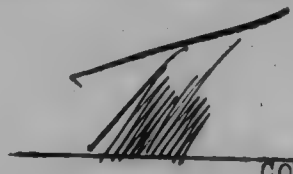
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DECISION.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That on April 17, 1901, James Drew appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his mother, Dinah Drew, as a Cherokee freedman. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had on August 24, 1905, at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That the applicant, Dinah Drew, was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion; was taken from the Cherokee Nation during said rebellion, but returned thereto and established her residence therein, within the time specified in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered on February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee, etc., vs. the Cherokee Nation, et al., for the return of Cherokee freedmen to said Nation; and that said applicant, up to and including September 1, 1902, continuously resided in said Nation since her return as above indicated, and is identified on the Cherokee Census roll of 1896.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: That, under the provisions of section twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), Dinah Drew is entitled to enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and her application for enrollment as such is accordingly granted.



COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this 14 OCT 1906

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Oklahoma, January 28, 1910.

IN THE MATTER of the date of the death of Dinah Drew, Cherokee freedman Field Card, No. 525, roll No. 4052:

Isaac Drew, after having first been duly sworn by Thomas J. Keener, a notary public in and for Sequoyah County Oklahoma, testified as follows in Vian, Oklahoma, December 4, 1909.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:  
(Conducted by Frank L. Doble.)

- Q What is your name? A Isaac Drew.  
Q What is your age? A 29 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian, Oklahoma.  
Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q During her life time were you acquainted with Dinah Drew, an aged Cherokee freed woman? A Yes sir, she is my grand mother.  
Q How old was she when she died? A Pretty old woman.  
Q What caused her death? A Old age I guess.  
Q Did you attend her burial? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is she buried? A Sand town bottoms.  
Q When did she die? A In the spring of 1902 to the best of my knowledge.  
Q Are you positive it was the spring of 1902? A It was either in the spring of 1901 or 1902.  
Q During what month do you think her death occurred? A In April.  
Q What makes you think it was in the spring of 1902? A I was down here from Ft. Gibson in the spring of 1902 and she was sick then and she died shortly after I went up home.

Witness excused.

James Fields, after having first been duly sworn by Thomas J. Keener, a notary public in and for Sequoyah County Oklahoma, testified as follows, in the Post Office at Vian, Oklahoma, December 4, 1909.

- Q What is your name? A James Fields.  
Q What is your age? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian, Oklahoma.  
Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q During her life time were you acquainted with one Dinah Drew? A Yes sir, she was my grand mother.  
Q Did you attend her burial? A Yes sir.  
Q When did she die? A She died in the spring of 1901 or 1902.  
Q You are positive that it was in the spring of the year 1901 or 1902? A Yes sir.  
Q What makes you think it was in the spring of 1901 or 1902? A I was planting crops then and I stopped and went down there to the funeral.

- Q Anything else happen about that time which makes you think it was in the spring of 1901 or 1902? A I had some children born about that time.
- Q When were these children born? A In September 1900 and she nursed the children and she died shortly after that and that is the reason that I know.
- Q Are you positive that it was not later than 1902? A Yes I am sure of that.

Witness excused.

Rockwell Fields, after having first been duly sworn by Albert G. McMillan, deputy clerk of the United States Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma, testified as follows in Sallisaw, Oklahoma, January 10, 1910.

- Q What is your name? A Rockwell Fields.
- Q What is your age? A About 70 years old.
- Q What is your post office address? A Vian, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q To whom did you belong during slavery? A George Fields.
- Q How long have you lived in and about Vian, Oklahoma? A Been living in there since 1866 in the Sand Town bottom.
- Q During her life time were you acquainted with Dinah Drew, an aged Cherokee freed woman? A Yes sir, she is my mother in law. I have known her about forty years. I married her daughter Lydia.
- Q Did you know Dinah Drews father? A No sir.
- Q Or her mother? A No sir.
- Q Who did Dinah Drew belong to during slavery? A I only heard she belonged to George Drew.
- Q What was the name of George Drew's wife? A I don't know, I am not certain.
- Q In what District did Dinah Drew live? A She lived in the Canadian District and then she moved in the Illinois District.
- Q Did Dinah Drew have any children? A Yes sir.
- Q Can you name them? A Lydia Fields, Jim Drew, Josh Drew, George Drew, Lewis Drew and Charles Drew.
- Q Are these children all enrolled as freedmen? A Yes sir.
- Q When did Dinah Drew die? A I don't know the month or date when she died.
- Q What year was it? A She died in the year 1901 the same year this bill of sale was drawn up.

(Witness here produces bill of sale executed by Jim Drew and Jane Brown, both signatures by mark. The signature Jim Drew witnessed by C. G. Kidd and to Jane Brown by R. E. Jackson, and conveying to Rockwell Fields, certain land and improvements in the Cherokee Nation; said conveyance being made by the above named grantors on October 19, 1901. The instrument was acknowledged on October 19, 1901, before J. R. Mayfield, Notary public, Vian, Indian Territory.)

- Q Are you the Rockwell Fields named in this bill of sale? A Yes sir.
- Q And do you testify that Dinah Drew died before this bill of sale was executed? A Yes sir.
- Q How long before? A She died in the spring of the year this bill of sale was executed.
- Q How far were you living from Dinah Drew at the time of her death? A About five or six miles.

No. 3.

- Q Were you at her house when she died? A We were down at her son George Drew's house when she died. My wife was down there.
- Q Did you attend her burial? A Yes sir.
- Q Where was she buried? A Sand Town Bottom.
- Q Did you buy or make a coffin for her? A I had one made.
- Q Any tomb stone at her grave? A No sir, just had a head board made out of pine.
- Q Do you know whether anyone was appointed administrator of her estate? A Jim Drew, Dinah's son.
- Q Where is Jim Drew now? A In the Penitentiary at McAlester, Okla.
- Q Who is Jane Brown who is named in this bill of sale? A She is Dinah Drew's daughter.
- Q Where does she live? A South east of Vian about three miles.
- Q Was she living with Dinah Drew when she died? A No sir.
- Q Where was she when Dinah died? A Where she is living now.
- Q Was she at Dinah Drew's funeral? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you see her there? A Yes sir?

Witness excused?

I, Frank L. Doble, Stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, state on oath that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in the above cause of the above mentioned dates.

Frank L. Doble  
STENOGRAPHER.

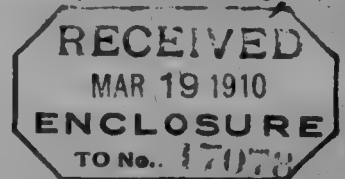
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of January, 1910.

J. Morrison  
NOTARY PUBLIC

My commission expires Feb 21 1912

James Drew, Lucy Drew, his wife, Joshua Drew, Lucie  
Drew, his wife, and Fannie A. Walker, a widow

RECORD OF CONVEYANCE



Character of Instrument Warranty Deed

Grantor Vian et al. { Blood citizen  
Nation, Bell Mo.

Grantee Midwest Land Co  
Lincoln, Neb.

Property 11 1/4 of N.W. - sec 7-14-15

Consideration \$800<sup>00</sup>

Date of conveyance Feb. 10 - 1906

Date acknowledged Feb. 10 - 1906

Notary J. C. Francis

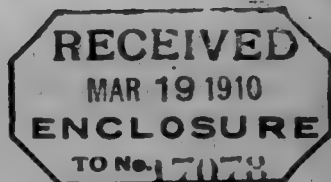
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Frank H. Long  
Register





RECORD OF CONVEYANCE

Character of Instrument Warranty Deed  
Cydia Hylds, daughter of Ernie Drew, and Rockwell  
Hylds, her husband } Blood citizen  
Yam, P. T. (Not a citizen, Sold No.

G. R. Ruby  
Albany, Mo.

NE NW SE and N 18.80 and NW 10 A.  
of Lot 1 - Sec. 7-24-15

Consideration \$ 15.00

Date of execution June 8 - 1909

Date acknowledged " 8 1909

Name of notary M. H. Moreley

Date filed for record June 9 - 1909

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Wm. B. Brey



In re date of the  
death of DINAH DREW-----6

B I L L O F S A L E.

Know all Men by these Presents: That we Jim Drew & Jane Brown, citizens of the Cherokee Nation and a resident of the Illinois District Cherokee Nation has this 19 day of Oct 1901, for \$400.00, and other valuable considerations, set apart and transferred to Rockwell Fields, a citizen of Cherokee Nation his heirs, administrators and assigns, all our rights and interests of the following described property, to-wit:

One Improvement consisting of log-house and one box house & about 30 acres of land in cultivation on the old Gorge Drew place on the west side of said place located on Sand Loam bottom Illinois District Cherokee Nation and about 11 acres more or less of timbered land bounded on the North by the Rockwell Fields farm and on the East by the Gorge Drew place on the West by the Jess Foreman place on the South by the Arkansas River.

We hereby transfer and forever give up to the said Rockwell Fields his heirs, executors and assigns all our rights, interests and claims to the above described property.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year above written,

WITNESSES: X to Jim Drews mark--  
C. L. Kiddy  
Witness to Jane Brown's mark  
R. E. Jackson.

his  
Jim X Drew  
mark  
Jane X Brown  
her mark

INDIAN TERRITORY, ) ss  
Northern District, )

On this 19 day of Oct, A. D., 1901, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public within and for the said Northern District of the Indian Territory, Jim Drew & Jane Brown to me personally well known as the person-- whose name-- appear-- upon the within and foregoing instrument as the part--- grantor, and acknowledged that--he-- executed the same for the considerations and purposes therein mentioned and set forth, and I do hereby so certify.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Notarial Seal on this 19 day of Oct A. D., 1901.

(signed) J. R. Mayfield Notary Public.

My commission expires April 8, 1903.

(SEAL)

In re date of the  
death of DINAH DREW-----7

I, Stephen A. Mills, an employe in the office of  
the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, hereby certify  
that the within and foregoing is a true and correct copy  
of a certain bill of sale made by Jim Drew and Jane Brown  
to Rockwell Fields under date of October 19, 1901.

Stephen A. Mills

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 7<sup>th</sup>, 1910.

Edward H. Morris

Notary Public.

Commission

expires March 5, 1911.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 7, 1910.

In the matter of the date of the death of Dinah Drew,  
Cherokee Freedmen Field Card No. 525, Roll No. 4052.

Witnesses in this matter were sworn by S. A. Mills, Deputy  
Clerk of the United States Court for the Eastern District of the  
State of Oklahoma.

EXAMINATION ON BEHALF OF THE COMMISSIONER:

Testimony of CORA LOTT, taken at her home near Vian,  
Oklahoma, April 4, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A Cora Lott.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Vian, Oklahoma.
- Q What is your age? A About 40 years old.
- Q Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians?  
A Yes, I am a Cherokee freedman but I am on the doubtful list.
- Q Do you know one Dinah Drew? A Yes, she is dead.
- Q When did Dinah Drew die? A She died on May 29, 1901.
- Q Where did she die? A In Santown bottoms.
- Q How do you know that Dinah Drew is dead? A Because I sat  
up and watched her corpse after she died and I was at her  
burying; she was buried in the Santown Bottoms graveyard.
- Q Were you related to Dinah Drew? A No, but I always called  
her Aunt.
- Q In what way do you fix the date of the death of Dinah Drew as  
being May 29, 1901- from memory? A No, while I remember it  
all right, but it is in our family bible.
- Q Then you have a written record of the death of Dinah Drew?  
A Yes sir, I have and you can see it.
- Q Please let me see the record you speak of? A Yes sir, here it  
is, you can see for yourself.

Here witness produced a large family bible, in which  
were entries of what purports to be records of marriages,  
births and deaths of a number of persons among which  
appeared the following entry:

"Dian Drew died May 29, 1901".

There were some thirty-six death records as shown by this  
bible, and it appears that the record was started in 1861, and  
showed deaths from that date on.

There was also a loose leaf record of nine deaths in  
the same bible, and it was stated that these records were  
that of the date of death of her kin people and neighbors  
who were close friends.

- Q I notice an entry here of Dian Drew as having died May 29,  
1901; was this Dian Drew also sometimes called and known as  
Dinah Drew? A Yes, but we always called her Dian.
- Q How old was this Dian or Dinah Drew? A She was a very old lady.
- Q Did she have any children? A Yes, she had some.

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of DINAH DREW-----2

- Q What were the names of her children? A Jimmie, Josh, George, Fannie and Liddie Drew, who is now the wife of Rockwell Fields.
- Q Who was the husband of Dinah Drew? A George Drew.
- Q Was Dinah Drew ever a slave? A Yes, she belonged in slavery days to a widow Drew, west of Grand River, they tell me.
- Q When did you make this entry showing the date of the death of Dinah Drew? A The day after the burial, just as soon as I could get home.
- Q Are you sure that the date, as shown in this bible, of the death of Dinah Drew is absolutely correct? A Yes sir, I am, for I wrote it myself. I keep all the births and deaths of our family and kin people and neighbors, who are my friends, in this, because I can write and they want me to do it for them.
- Q Was Dinah Drew buried from her home or church? A Right from the house.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

Testimony of LIDDIE FIELDS, taken at her home about  
three miles west of Vian, Oklahoma, on  
April 5, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills--

- Q What is your name? A Liddie Fields, wife of Rockwell Fields.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know, I think about 55 or 57 years old.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Vian, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians?
- A Yes, a Cherokee freedman.
- Q Can you read or write? A No, I never had a chance to learn to read or write, I was a slave.
- Q Do you know Dinah Drew? A Yes, she was my mother.
- Q Where is she now? A She is dead; been dead a long time.
- Q When did she die; what year and day of the month, if you know?
- A She died in 1901, in the spring, I think in May, I don't remember the day; I know it was the spring of 1901, before the corn was high; we just commenced to work the corn; I remember we were working the corn when they came after me to tell me she was so bad; I went to see her and she died in a few days.
- Q Where did she die? A In Santon's Bottom at my brother, George Drew's place.
- Q What doctor attended her in her last illness and at the time of her death? A Dr. Mason.
- Q Where is he now, if you know? A I don't know, he left this country four or five years.
- Q Where did you get the coffin in which she was buried? A A man made it there at my brother George's place.
- Q Who officiated as minister at the burial, if there was one?
- A Rev. J. Maddox.
- Q Where is he now? A I don't know. The last I heard he was at Porum.

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death of DINAH DREW-----3

- Q Where was Dinah Drew buried? A In Santown Bottoms graveyard.
- Q What children did Dinah Drew have? A Liddie, Fannie, Jim, George, Josh and Sallie- Fannie and Sallie are dead.
- Q What was Dinah Drew's husband's name? A George Drew.
- Q Have you any written record of the death of Dinah Drew? A No, but my daughter, Georgia Green, put it down, but she is dead; you can find it at Gilford Green's; he lives at Webbers Falls on the Buchanan place.
- Q Have you any other way of placing the date of the death of Dinah Drew more positively than you have, other than by memory? A Yes, I know it was the spring, in May, 1901, because we have a bill of sale of the rights of Jim Drew, her son, and Jane Brown, her married daughter, to their interests in her estate- that is her land and the improvements on the land claimed by her and on which she was living and made her home.
- Q Please let me see the bill of sale you speak of? A You see when Mother died she left no will, so we children divided what she left. Jim he looked after it mostly and we, me and my husband, wanted the land, so we bought Jim and Jane out of their interest of the land she left, in the fall after she died- that was the fall after the spring that she died. Mr. Mayfield of Vian made the paper for us.

Here witness produced and presented an instrument, which is purported to be a bill of sale of certain lands and improvements, which, it is stated, was a part of the estate of Dinah Drew. See certified copy of bill of sale attached.

- Q Then you are sure that Dinah Drew died in May, 1901? A Yes, I am sure of it.
- Q Who is this Jane Brown? A She was one of the heirs of Dinah Drew. You see Dinah Drew was married before and Jane was by her first husband.

Witness Excused.

Testimony of GILFORD GREEN, taken at his home two miles south of Webbers Falls, on April 6, 1910.

By Mr. S. A. Mills-

- Q What is your name? A Gilford Green.
- Q How old are you? A Near 35 years old, will be 35 in April.
- Q What is your postoffice address? A Webbers Falls, Oklahoma.
- Q Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians? A Yes, a intermarried Cherokee freedman.
- Q Do you read or write? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know one Dinah Drew? A Yes, she was my wife's grandmother.
- Q Where is Dinah Drew now? A She is dead.
- Q When did she die? A On May 28, 1901.
- Q Where did she die? A In Santown Bottoms at her son George Drew's house.
- Q Did Dinah Drew have any family? A Yes. You see her husband was old George Drew and they had Liddie, Jim, George, Josh, Fannie and Sallie. Old George is dead too, so is Fannie and Sallie; the rest are still alive. You see I married one of Liddie Field's daughters. You see Liddie Fields is the oldest daughter of Dinah Drew. Rockwall Fields married her. You see my wife was grand-daughter of Dinah Drew.

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death of DINAH DREW-----4

- Q What is your wife's name? A She was Georgia Fields when I married her; she is dead too now, she died last July.
- Q How do you fix the date of the death of Dinah Drew as being May 28, 1901? A You see I had been married but a few months before she died. We was married just before Christmas on the 23rd day of December, 1899, and the next spring she died.

Here witness produced a marriage certificate showing that Gilford Green and Georgia Fields, both of Webbers Falls, were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on the 23rd day of December, A. D., 1899- Thomas Henry Pool, minister. Recorded in the Northern District of Indian Territory 5/23/1901 on page 200, book of marriage records..

- Q Do you know of any written record of the death of Dinah Drew? A Yes. When we came home from the funeral my wife put it down on a piece of paper and I afterwards put it down in our family bible.
- Q Have you that record now? A Yes, here it is.

Here witness produced a family bible and on a blank leaf there appeared the following writing-  
"Dinah Drew died May 28, 1901".

- Q Are you sure this entry is correct? A Yes, I took it off the paper my wife made; she made it when we came back from the funeral- and we had a little baby, our oldest child, Charlie. He will be 2 nine years old in April, next month, and he was just born, and I had to be careful about my wife going to the funeral and borrowed a buggy to take her.
- Q Have you a record when this oldest child, you speak of, was born? A Yes, in this bible.

Here witness shows same bible, and there appears at the top of page an entry- 1901. Then appears the following entries-

Charlie Green, born April 19, 1901  
Clarence Green, born May 2, 1902,  
Asker Bural Green, born May 7, 1903,  
Abbie Green, born May 11, 1904,  
Ethel Green, born July 14, 1905,  
Virgil Green, born February 15, 1908.

- Q Did Dinah Drew leave an estate, that is property, when she died? A Yes, she left a place and some stock.
- Q What became of it? A It was divided among her children; Jim looked after it.
- Q Was the land sold to anyone? A Part of it was to Rockwell Fields, my father-in-law.
- Q When was this? A The fall after she died; Jim and Jane Brown sold their interests they had in the land to Rockwell Fields.
- Q Was there a bill of sale given? A Yes, they gave a bill of sale; it was made by Mr. Mayfield, in Vian.
- Q Did you see the bill of sale? A Yes.
- Q Is this the bill of sale?

Here witness was shown bill of sale made by Jim Drew and Jane Brown to Rockwell Fields, a certified copy of which is hereto attached as a part of the evidence of Liddie Fields.

A Yes.

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death of DINAH DREW-----5

- Q Then you have seen this before? A Yes.  
Q Who is Jane Brown, who signs with Jim Drew? A She was one of the heirs.  
Q And this bill of sale then is a bill of sale of a part of the estate of Dinah Drew, and which was sold by Jim Drew and Jane Brown to Rockwell Fields? A Yes sir.  
Q You are sure then that Dinah Drew was dead and died ~~prior~~ the spring before that bill of sale was made? A Yes, she died in the spring, in May, and they sold the land in the next fall.

Witness excused.

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I, Stephen A. Mills, an employe in the office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, hereby state that on the 4th, 5th and 6th of April, 1910, I secured the above and foregoing evidence in the matter of the date of the death of Dinah Drew, Cherokee Roll No. 4052, and that the same is true and correct according to my notes taken in said cause on said dates.

Stephen A. Mills

Subscribed and sworn to before me April 7th, 1910.

Edward L. Morris  
Notary Public.

My Commission  
expires Nov. 5, 1911.



Cherokee Freedmen

No. 525.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 16, 1904.

James Drew,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the matter of your application for the enrollment of your mother, Dinah Drew, as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that before the Commission can render a final decision in this case it will be necessary that further testimony be introduced tending to show whether or not Dinah Drew was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the rebellion, and whether she returned within the time specified in the Cherokee treaty of 1866.

You are therefore requested to appear before the Commission at its offices in Muskogee, Indian Territory, and introduce proof touching the above points. This should be done as soon as possible, as, until this is received, nothing further can be done with regard to the enrollment of your mother.

Respectfully,

Registrar.

Chairman.



Cherokee Freedman  
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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 30, 1905

Bell, Hastings and Davenport,  
Attorneys for Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of supplemental  
testimony of August 24, 1905, in the matter of the applica-  
tion for the enrollment of Dinah Drew as a Cherokee Freedman.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Tame Bixby.*

Commissioner

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LMB

Cherokee Freedman

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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 30, 1905

James T. Drew,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of supplemental testimony of August 24, 1905, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dinah Drew as a Cherokee Freedman, together with a receipt for same, which you will please sign and return to this office.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Tame Bixby.*

Commissioner

Incl. B 63

LMB

Cherokee Freedmen

COPY.

No. 525.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 14, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,  
Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 14, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of Dinah Drew as a Cherokee freedman.

As you have verbally informed this office that you waive right to file protest in this case, this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

SIGNED.

Incl. S-237

*James H. Hasty*  
Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen  
No. 525.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 14, 1905.

James Brew,  
Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated October 14, 1905, granting the application for the enrollment of your mother, Dinah Drew, as a Cherokee freedman.

You are advised that no application for the selection of an allotment of land for your mother can be received until her name has been placed upon a schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which action you will be notified.

Respectfully,

Incl. S-241.

*Tamie Kirby*  
Commissioner.

7-575 Dinah Drew

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 20, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

This office is in receipt, by Departmental reference for report and recommendation thereupon, of a letter of F. J. Burkett, Member of Congress, addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, dated January 1, 1906, inclosing a letter addressed to him from G. E. Condra of Lincoln, Nebraska, asking information as to the citizenship status and allotment selection of one Dinah Drew, deceased. It appears from Mr. Condra's letter that he and others have advanced money to the administrator of the estate of Dinah Drew, deceased, and is desirous of having her citizenship approved and filing on land in her name made at the earliest practicable date.

In reply, you are respectfully advised that on the 18th inst., Mr. Condra appeared before the offices of the Commissioner and was advised fully as to the citizenship status in the Cherokee Nation of Dinah Drew, deceased, an applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman. The records of this office show that on April 17, 1901, Dinah Drew appeared before the Commission to the

Five Civilized Tribes and made application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman; that on October 14, 1905, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision granting her application, a copy of which decision was, on that date, forwarded to the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation and they advised that they would be allowed fifteen days from date within which to file such protest as they desired to make against the Commissioner's decision, a copy of which protest they would be required to furnish the applicant, and that in the event no protest was filed the decision of the Commissioner would be considered final. No protest by the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation having been received, the name of Dinah Drew was included in a schedule of Cherokee freedmen forwarded to the Secretary for approval on December 27, 1905. Her name appears on that schedule opposite No. 4052.

The records of this office fail to show that any application for the selection of an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation for said Dinah Drew has been made.

The letters of Congressman Burkett and Mr. Condra are returned herewith.

Respectfully,

Incl. S-78

Commissioner.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

27283-1908.

Copy

Dear Sir.

James Drue mother Died 6 month to soone this nigger was freeman James Drue got a lot of nigger to swear a lie and got this old dead nigger women one the role then they sold thea land and got the mony fore it they forge the time the old women died 6 month to soone and this nigger Jim Drue Dated the time 6 month Back and got a lot other nigger to swear to it hoping you will tend to this right off this can be prove by good white men if you will punish them I will give you the names of the witness. Direct your letter to Vian Oklahoma.

(Signed) W. T. Jackson.

She died previous to Sept. 1, 1902. W.T.J.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 525

27283-1908.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, September 21, 1908.

Mr. W. T. Jackson,

Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

This office is in receipt, by reference of the United States District Attorney, of your recent letter without date, stating that the mother of James Drew died too soon to be entitled to enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

In reply you are advised that the person referred to appears to be Dinah Drew, the mother of James Drew, who is enrolled as a Cherokee freedman. Evidence has been filed showing that she died May 13, 1903. If, as you state, she died prior to September 1, 1902, she is not entitled to an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation, and you are requested to advise this office by return mail the names and addresses of the persons who know the date of her death, and upon receipt of the information the matter will be given proper attention.

You are requested to return this letter with your reply.

Respectfully,

JOR(LS)

Acting Commissioner.



Copy.

29865-1908.

Vian Okla Oct. 8 - 1908-

J Geo. Wright,  
Comr to 5 Civ Tribes,  
Muskogee Ok.

Dr Sir:

In regard to death of Dinah Drew and allotment after  
Sept. 1 - 1902 - as-

Frank Ridgway will swear that Dinah Drew died either  
in last days of 1901 or first of year 1902.

Jim Drew tried to get Frank to swear that she died  
in 1903. Old man Ridgway will swear she died before Sept 1,  
1902 and that he told Jim Drew that he, Drew, would get into  
trouble if he swore she died in 1903.

Jim Ridgway & Bill Ridgway - They all lived neighbors  
to Jim Drew when his mother Dinah died and know it was prior to  
Sept. 1-1902.

Yours truly

(Signed) W. T. Jackson.

Freedmen-325.  
29420-1908.  
29865- "

Muskogee, Oklahoma, October 19, 1908.

Mr. W. T. Jackson,  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to your recent letter without date and your letter of October 8, 1908, in reference to the date of death of Dinah Drew, you are requested to procure and forward to this office affidavits of the parties who will testify that she died prior to September 1, 1902.

Upon receipt of the affidavits the case will receive proper consideration and you will be advised in reference thereto.

Respectfully,

JOR(LS)

Acting Commissioner.

Copy.

29420-1908.

(On back of this office letter to him of September 21, 1908).

Dear Sir I send you the names of the men that noes the date of Death if tha wil til it

Kallip riddway |

Frank riddway | Mackey post office

Bill riddway |

Dock Hunter Vian

W. T. Jackson Vian

heard Jim Drue say that he wood not swair to his mother Death But he just got the other niggars to swear to it for a little mony and it wood Be a Big thing to him.

~~Jim riddway Macky post office.~~

(Signed) W. T. Jackson

Vian Ok.

Cherokee Freedmen 525.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 3, 1910.

Mr. Joshua Drew,  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your mother, Dinah Drew, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee Freedmen opposite No. 4052, died in the spring of 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

Joshua Drew--2

You are, therefore, notified that on or before March 7, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notation be placed opposite the name of Dinah Drew on the approved roll of Cherokee Freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)

Register

Acting Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen 525.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 3, 1910.

Mr. George Drew,

Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your mother, Dinah Drew, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee Freedmen opposite No. 4052, died in the spring of 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

George Drew--2

You are, therefore, notified that on or before March 7, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notation be placed opposite the name of Dinah Drew on the approved roll of Cherokee Freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)

Acting Commissioner.

Register

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Cherokee Freedmen 525.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 3, 1910.

Mr. James Drew,

Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your mother, Dinah Drew, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee Freedmen opposite No. 4052, died in the spring of 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."



James Drew--2

You are, therefore, notified that on or before March 7, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notation be placed opposite the name of Dinah Drew on the approved roll of Cherokee Freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)  
Register

Acting Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen 525.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, February 3, 1910.

Mrs. Jane Brown,

Vian, Oklahoma.

Madam:

Evidence has been secured by this office showing that your mother, Dinah Drew, whose name appears on the roll of Cherokee Freedmen opposite No. 4052, died in the spring of 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stats., 716), contains the following provision:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person, or to the heirs of any person, whose name is on said roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two. The right of such person to any interest in the lands or other tribal property shall be deemed to have become extinguished and to have passed to the tribe in general upon his death before said date, and any person or persons who may conceal the death of anyone on said roll as aforesaid for the purpose of profiting by said concealment, and who shall knowingly receive any portion of any land or other tribal property or of the proceeds so arising from any allotment prohibited by this section, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be proceeded against as may be provided in other cases of felony, and the penalty for this offense shall be confinement at hard labor for a period of not less than one year nor more than five years, and in addition thereto a forfeiture to the Cherokee Nation of the lands, other tribal property, and proceeds so obtained."

Jane Brown--2

You are, therefore, notified that on or before March 7, 1910, you may appear at this office, if you so desire, to show cause why recommendation should not be made to the Department of the Interior that the following notation be placed opposite the name of Dinah Drew on the approved roll of Chero-  
kee Freedmen:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money."

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)

Register

Acting Commissioner.

Cherokee Freedmen 525.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 8, 1910.

Mr. Rockwell Fields,

Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a bill of sale of certain improvements transferred by Jim Drew and Jane Brown to you on October 19, 1901, said bill of sale having been given by you to Mr. S. A. Mills, a representative of this office, for use in connection with fixing the date of death of Dinah Drew.

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)  
Incl. LS-8-7.

Acting Commissioner.

Subject:  
enroll-  
ment of Dinah  
Drew, a Cherokee  
Freedman:

Muskogee, Oklahoma, April 8, 1910.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record in the matter of the death of Dinah Drew, a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation whose name appears opposite number 4052 on the final roll of such citizens.

On August 2, 1905, there was filed at this office an affidavit executed by James Drew and Lydia Fields, son and daughter of Dinah Drew, showing that the death of the latter occurred on May 13, 1903, and on February 5, 1906, James Drew as the administrator of the estate of Dinah Drew, deceased, made application to have allotted to the said Dinah Drew the NE/4 of the NW/4 and lot 1 of section 7, township 24 north, range 15 east, and the SW/4 of the NW/4 of the SE/4 of section 29, township 21 north, range 21 east, which application was approved and certificates evidencing the allotments of the land applied for were duly issued. However, on September

15, 1908, a communication was received stating that Dinah Drew had died prior to September 1, 1902, consequently no deeds were issued to this allotment, pending an investigation as to the true date of the death of the allottee. This investigation has now been concluded and shows conclusively that Dinah Drew died on May 29, 1901, and consequently she was not entitled to an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation.

On February 3, 1910, James Drew, the administrator of the estate of Dinah Drew, deceased, and the heirs of this estate were notified by registered mail of the information secured by the office, and that they might, within thirty days, show cause why recommendation should not be made that a note be placed on the final approved roll to the effect that Dinah Drew died prior to September 1, 1902, and was not entitled to land or money.

The notices sent Joshua and George Drew, sons, and Jane Brown, daughter of Dinah Drew, appeared to have been duly received, as is evidenced by the return of the registry receipt properly signed, but no response thereto has been made. The notice addressed to James Drew, administrator has not been returned to this office, nor has the registry receipt evidencing

its delivery been returned. It is believed however, that sufficient service has been had. I therefore respectfully recommend that the following notation be placed on the final roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation opposite the name of Dinah Drew at number 4052 on such roll:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902,  
not entitled to land or money."

With reference to the allotment heretofore made to Dinah Drew, the records of the Register of Deeds in the County in which this land was allotted show that on February 16, 1906, James Drew, Joshua Drew, and Fannie A. Walker, heirs to the estate of Dinah Drew, deceased, conveyed by warranty deed to the Mid West Land Co., of Lincoln, Nebraska, their interest in the N/2 of the NW/4 of section 7, township 24 north, range 15 east, the land so conveyed being properly described as lot 1, and the NE/4 of the NW/4 of section 7, township 24, north, range 15 east, which was allotted to Dinah Drew, and that on June 8, 1909, Lydia Fields, daughter of Dinah Drew, conveyed by warranty deed, her interest in said land to G. E. Ruby of Albany, Missouri.

All the public records in this case at the time of the execution of these deeds showed the death of Dinah

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Drew as having occurred in 1903, and I have no information justifying a suspicion that there was any conspiracy between the heirs of this estate and the vendee of the land to conceal the true date of the death of the allottee.

I request, therefore, to be advised what action, if any, shall be taken by me with reference to the allotment of the land in question.

Respectfully,

"Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs." Acting Commissioner.

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Enrollment and  
allotment case of  
Dinah Drew.

SEP 7 1910

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report of April 8, 1910, from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes relative to the date of the death of Dinah Drew, whose name appears opposite No. 4052 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen. From said report it appears that on August 2, 1905, there was filed in the office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes an affidavit made by James Drew and Lydia Fields, children of Dinah Drew, to the effect that their mother died on May 13, 1903. It further appears that on February 5, 1906, James Drew, as administrator of the estate, filed an application to have allotted to Dinah Drew certain described land, which application was approved and certificates evidencing the allotment were duly issued. No deeds to the allotment were issued.

The Acting Commissioner reports that as the result of a later investigation concerning the death of Dinah Drew

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it has been conclusively shown that said person died on May 29, 1901. It is provided by Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. L., 716), that no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person or to the heirs of any person whose name is on the Cherokee roll and who died prior to September 1, 1902. The Office is of the opinion that it is shown by the enclosed record that Dinah Drew died prior to the date last mentioned, and therefore recommends that opposite her name upon the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen there be placed the notation:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to land or money,"

and that this Office and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes be authorized to make a similar notation on the copies of the roll in their possession. The Acting Commissioner reports that an examination of the records of the Register of Deeds in the County in which the land, for which the allotment certificates were issued, is located shows that the heirs of Dinah Drew had conveyed the land in question to others.

In the case of Nicholas Alberson the Department on June 16, 1909, held in effect that the issuance of a certificate of allotment was not equivalent to a patent, and that no conveyance of title was effected by such issuance. The effect of the issuance of a certificate in the Alberson case is involved in a suit instituted in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia by the Duncan Townsite Company to compel the Secretary

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of the Interior to issue for the benefit or protection of alleged innocent purchasers a patent in the name of Nicholas Alberson covering the land for which the certificate was issued. The suit is still pending in said Court. The circumstances in the case of the allotment of Dinah Drew are similar to those in the above mentioned case of Nicholas Alberson. The Office is of the opinion that until the suit of the Duncan Townsite Company against the Secretary of the Interior has been finally determined by the courts, and the effect of the issuance of a certificate of allotment in the case of Alberson ascertained thereby, no action should be taken in the present case by the Department toward the cancelling of the allotment of Dinah Drew or toward instituting suit for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke,

Second Assistant Commissioner.

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Approved:

SEP 14 1910

(Signed) Frank Pierce  
Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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Enrollment and  
allotment case of  
Dinah Drew.

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The Commissioner  
to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to the report of April 8, 1910, from the Acting Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes relative to the death of Dinah Drew, whose name appears opposite No. 4052 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen, you are advised that the Department, on September 14, 1910, authorized placing opposite the name of Dinah Drew on the above mentioned roll the notation:

Died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land or money.

For the reasons given in approved Office letter of September 7, 1910, the Department is of the opinion that, until the suit of the Duncan Townsite Company against the Secretary of the Interior now pending in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia has been finally determined by the courts, and the effect of the issuance of a certificate of allotment ascertained thereby, no action should be taken in the

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present case by the Department towards the cancelling of the allotment of Dinah Drew, or towards instituting suit for that purpose.

A copy of said approved Office letter is enclosed for your information and guidance.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) Wm. R. Layne  
Acting Chief Land Division.

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CONFIDENTIAL.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1961.

Notary Public.

Regarding the first and complete transcript of his autobiography  
submitted to the Commission and proceedings in this case, and that the  
1. O. Henson, being first duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

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That as Charles Henson,  
of old blood as to lineage and will be listed for entry  
of 1961. They are all duly identified and were verified  
by George Henson, first and last, who found that the name of  
as the name of 1961. The name of his wife,  
Gene, who was born the same date as 1961 as well  
CONFIDENTIAL:--The name of Henry Brown and his wife

Henry Brown, et al.--g.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Brown for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Brown being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Hootches, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Brown.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Brown? A The last time I registered I was 40 years old.  
Q That would make you about 45 years old? (No response.)  
Q What is your post office? A Vinn.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just my children.  
Q Your wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Jane.  
Q How old is she? A Claims to be 40 years old.  
Q Is she a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children, under 21 years of age? (Handpaper to COM'R.)  
Q Emma Brown, 20 years of age? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the next child's name? A George.  
Q How old is George? A He is supposed to be 18 years old.  
Q What is the next one's name? A Lillie.  
Q Is she 16? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the next one? A Eli.  
Q Eli is 15? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is that all the children you have? A No, sir, I got some that is married.  
Q How do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself, wife and these children? A My mother-in-law.  
Q How old is your mother-in-law? A It's on there. (Referring to paper.)

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 5, #118, Henry Brown, Canadian District.  
Page 5, #119, Jane Brown, Canadian District.

The 1896 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:

- Page 942, #47, Henry Brown, Illinois District.  
Page 942, #48, Jane Brown, Illinois.  
Page 942, #50, Emma Brown, Illinois District.  
Page 942, #52, George Brown, Illinois District.  
Page 942, #53, Lillie Brown, Illinois District.  
Page 942, #54, Eli Brown, Illinois District.

- Q Are these children all living, Mr. Brown? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation, since 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has your wife? A Yes, sir.



Henry Brown, et al.--2.

COM'R HENDLES:--The names of Henry Brown and his wife, Jane, appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The names of his children, Emma, George, Lillie and Eli, are found upon the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

*C. M. McKinnis*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED  
APR 17 1901

*[Signature]*  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office

Vian

District

Illinois

1. Name Henry Brown

Age 46

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 118

District

Citizenship

Can —

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Jane Brown

Age 49

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 119

District

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3. Emma Brown

Year 1896

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No. 50

Dist. Ill

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4. George

Year 1896

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No. 52

Dist. Ill

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5. Lillie

Year 1896

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6. Eli

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Brown for the enrollment of his Mother-in-law, MARY SHEPPARD, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Brown being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Brown.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Brown? A The last time I registered I was 40 years old.  
Q That would make you about 46 years old? (No response.)  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Applicant applies for the enrollment of his mother-in-law.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Sheppard.  
Q How old is she? A About 72 years old.  
Q What is her post office? A Vian.  
Q Do you apply to have her enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Has she been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she been living in the Cherokee Nation continuously since 1880? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 47, #1294, as M. A. Sheppard, Canadian District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation, since 1880?  
A Yes, sir.

COM'R Needles:--The name of Mary Sheppard is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as M. A. Sheppard and is duly identified as the applicant. She makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

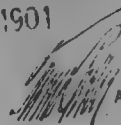
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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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CHEBOKEE FREEDMEN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office Vega

District Lee

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Name of wife Mary Sheppard Age 72

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 47 No. 1294 District Canadian

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

| No. | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by Henry Brown (Son-in-law) Stenographer Robert J. O.

(11) 88 Roll "M. A. Sheppard"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Brown for the enrollment of his son, SAMUEL BROWN, 26 years of age, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Brown being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henry Brown.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Brown? A The last time I registered I was 40 years old.  
Q That would make you about 46 years old? (No response.)  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Applicant applies for the enrollment of his son.  
Q What is his name? A Samuel Brown.  
Q How old is he? A 26.  
Q What is his post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district does he live in? A Illinois.  
Q What is the reason he is not here himself? A He is paralyzed.  
Q Physical infirmities are such that he cannot be here? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 5, #122, Samuel Brown, Canadian District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 942, #51, Samuel Brown, Illinois District.

- Q You are the guardian for Samuel Brown are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is mentally incompetent is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Sam Brown living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Samuel Brown is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and satisfactory proof is given as to why he is not present and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence, consequently he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Samuel Brown

Age 26

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 122

District

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by

Henry Brown for the

Stenographer

Ramon J. O.

(1) - 96 Roll 942 # 51 Ill

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Samuel Brown

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Nov 18 1904

W. R. Bessinger  
Commissioner

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Samuel Brown  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian  
(Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died about the 26 day of  
June, 1903

### AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Henry Brown, on oath state that I am 49  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Vian  
(Here insert name of post office) Ind. Ter.; that I am  
father of Samuel Brown  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Samuel Brown died about the 26 day of  
June, 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of November, 1904

Simon R. Wainwright  
 Notary Public.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
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WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904

Notary Public.

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Comptroller.

Described and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

Noted thereon:

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received the testimony and proceeding in the case, and that the  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Walker for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Walker being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Walker.  
Q How old are you, Mary? A About 50.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Been recognized by the Cherokee ~~Stem~~ authorities have you? A Yes, sir, always did.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What is the name of your oldest child? A Henry.  
Q How old is Henry? A About 15 I guess.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Mary.  
Q How old is Mary? A 13.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Walker?  
A Mary Evans.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page XX 756, #664, Mary Evans, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 1307, #122, Mary Evans, Tahlequah District.

Page 1307, #125, Henry Evans, Tahlequah District.

Page 1307, #127, Mary Evans, Tahlequah District.

(There is found enrolled with this family in 1896, a child named David, and applicant says it is her child and wants to apply for it.)

Page 1307, #124, David Evans, Tahlequah District.

- Q Well, is David 21 years old? A I don't know. (Shown to be 15 on the roll of 1896.)  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your present husband's name? A Walker.  
Q His first name? A John.  
Q Were you ever married before? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your former husband's name? A Evans.  
Q His first name? A Fielding Evans.  
Q Are these children all Walker's children? A Evans.  
Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life, since 1880?  
A Yes, sir, always lived here.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Mary Walker is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Mary Evans, that having been the name of her former husband, Fielding Evans, now deceased. By the marriage to said Fielding Evans she has three children, Henry, Mary and David, and their appears upon the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Mary Walker and her children, Henry, Mary and David Evans, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.



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Mary Walker, et al.--2.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in t. his case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. McKinstry*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17

Post Office

Tablegraph

District

Tahl

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Mary Walker

Age

50

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No. 664

District

Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Henry Evans Year 1896 Page 1307 No. 125 Dist. Tahl 163. Mary Evans Year 1896 Page 1307 No. 127 Dist. Tahl 13(4) David Evans Year 1896 Page 1307 No. 124 Dist. Tahl 20

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Application made by

Roll

Stenographer

Rossan J. O.

(1) a Roll a "Mary Evans"

(4) - 96 - 1307 # 122 Tahl

(2) - 96 - "Henry Evans"

(3) - 96 - "Mary Evans"

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 9, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Mary Walker, F-1329, to relinquish certain land hereinafter described, which she applied to have allotted to herself on May 16, 1903.

MARY WALKER, being first duly sworn and examined by Samuel Foreman, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Walker.  
Q What is your age? A About fifty-five.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you the identical Mary Walker, who, on the 16th day of May, 1903, applied to have allotted to yourself, the SW4 of the SE4 and the SE4 of the NW4 of the SE4 of Section 9, Township 17 N., Range 22 E., containing 50 acres and valued at \$200.00, for which allotment certificate No. 6117 has been issued? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you now wish to relinquish this land? A Yes sir.  
Q Why do you wish to give it up? A I want to give it up so that I can apply for some land right north of here where my improvements are located.  
Q On the twenty acres that you failed to include in your original selection, what improvements are there? A Fruit trees.  
Q Any houses? A Yes sir.  
Q How many? A Two.  
Q Any of it in cultivation; any that you filed on in cultivation? A Yes sir.  
Q How much? A Over a half of it.  
Q Now if you are permitted to give this land up you want to bring contest against Leonard Miller for this land he filed on? A Yes, sir.  
Q What improvements are there on this twenty acres that you want to give up? A There wasn't anything.  
Q Is it fenced? A No sir.  
Q Has any one endeavored to intimidate, coerce or frighten you into making this relinquishment? A No sir.  
Q Has any one paid or offered to pay you anything for making this relinquishment? A No sir.  
Q You make this relinquishment of your own free will and for the reasons as stated above? A Yes sir.

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DAVE EVANS, being first duly sworn by Samuel Foreman, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Dave Evans.  
Q What is your age? A Twenty-three.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What relation are you to Mary Walker who is applying to make this relinquishment? A I am her son.  
Q Do you live with her? A Yes sir.

Q Are you familiar with this land that she wishes to relinquish in order that she may bring contest? A Yes sir.

Q On the twenty acres that she wishes to give up are there any improvements? A No sir.

Q On this twenty acres that she wishes to apply for that has been filed on by Leonard Miller, are there any improvements? A Yes sir.

Q What are they? A In cultivation and about twenty-five fruit trees and two old houses; but the old houses are torn down and moved away; they were on there, but they are moved away now; the land is broken and under fence.

Q Who is in possession of this place? A Dave Killer, he is in possession now, but we were up to three months ago.

Q How did he succeed in getting this place away from you? A He just run his posts through and filed on it. He run his posts through there and claimed the land and told everybody it belonged to him.

Q Did your mother have this land; was she in possession of it last year? A Yes sir.

Q How long has she owned it? A About thirty or thirty-five years to my best knowledge.

Q Has any one endeavored to intimidate, coerce or frighten you into making these statements? A No sir.

Q Has any one paid or offered to pay you for so doing? A no sir.

Q You give this testimony of your own free will and for the reasons as stated above? A Yes sir.

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I, George R. Smith, being first duly sworn, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, state that I reported the foregoing testimony in the above entitled cause and that the same is a true and full transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

George R. Smith

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of May, 1904.

Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Fanny Evans for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Evans being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fanny Evans.  
Q How old are you? A 17.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and the baby.  
Q What is the baby's name? A Martha J.  
Q Evans as it is on that paper? A I am not married.  
Q How old is the baby? A The baby was two years old the 7th of January.  
Q ~~What is the name of your mother?~~  
Q What is your mother's name? A Mary Evans.  
Q Mary Walker now, is not it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation all your life?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You never had a brother named Samuel? A No, sir.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 1307, #126, Samuel Evans, Tahlequah District.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's mother's name found thereon, page 756, #564, Mary Evans, Tahlequah District.

COM'R NEEDLES:--Fanny Evans applies for the enrollment of herself and her child. She avers that she is the daughter of Mary Walker and the name of Mary Walker is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary Evans, Evans having been the name of her former husband. Applicant avers that her name was placed upon the census roll of 1896, and the name of one Samuel Evans is found. Applicant and her mother both aver that the word Samuel is a mistake and it should be Fanny, she never having had a son named Samuel. Applicant present satisfactory proof of birth of her child, Mary J., and it is filed herewith. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Fanny Evans and her child, Martha J. Evans, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

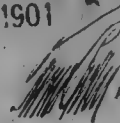
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date 1061 21 8dV APR 17 1901Post Office TahleDistrict Tahle

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Hannie Evans Age 17

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 1307 No. 126 District Tahle

## Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Mary Evans Walker Citizenship Col

## Names of Children:

(2) Martha J. Evans Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 246

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by no (1)Stenographer Roscoe J. C.

(1) on 96 Roll as "Samuel Evans"

(2) Affidavit of Birth filed "Ex"

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN<sup>20</sup> 530

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Martina Evans

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved April 17 1901  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Martha J. Evans born on the 17 day of March, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Choctean, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Fannie Evans, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Pahlguah T.S.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Fannie Evans, on oath state that I am 17  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Choctean, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 17 day of March, 1899, that said child has been  
named Martha J. Evans, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Ans. Jones  
W. B. Jones

Fannie Evans  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1900.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Walker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Fannie Evans, wife of John Choctean,  
on the 17 day of March, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Martha J. Evans.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Ans. Jones  
W. B. Jones

Mary Walker  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1900.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Miller

as a citizen of

Charlotte, N.C.

Approved

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

Freedman 530

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Willis

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

Sept 17th 1904

*[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Frederick Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Frank Willis*, born on the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Moses L. Willis*, *Frederick* a citizen of the *Ch. S.* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Fannie Evans*, *Frederick* a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office: *Tahlequah, Ar.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Northwestern*

District.

I, *Fannie Evans*, on oath state that I am *18*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Moses L. Willis*, who is a citizen, *by*  
of the *United States* Nation, that a *Male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902 that said child has been  
named *Frank Willis*, and is now living *with*  
*Fannie X Evans*  
*mother*

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Ridge Porchall*  
*James Webb*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *13<sup>th</sup>* day of *September*, 1902

*J. S. Bayles*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

*Northwestern*

District.

I, *Mary Walker*, *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Fannie Evans*, *unlawful* wife of *Moses L. Willis*,  
on the *12<sup>th</sup>* day of *May*, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a *Male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Frank Willis*,  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Mary Walker*  
*J. S. Bayles*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *21* day of *May*, 1902

*J. S. Bayles*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

JOR

Cherokee P-530

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T. June 13, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Fannie Evans, and children Martha J. Evans and Frank Willis, as ~~and~~ Cherokee Freedmen.

FANNIE SANDERS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fannie Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you some minor children? A Yes sir.  
Q What are their names? A One is named Martha Evans and one named Frank Willis.  
Q Are they both living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Anderson Sanders.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the name of his father? A Yessir, Simon Sanders.  
Q When were you married? A Last fall a year ago.  
Q It was in the fall of 1903? A Yes sir, I think so.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

( A set of this testimony to be filed with Cherokee allotment No. P-1333 ).

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 30th day of June, 1905.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susie Vann for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susie Wolf.  
Q How old are you, Susan? A About 27 or 28 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Muskogee.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A I don't know whether she is down as Dinah Martin or Crapo.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll? A Myself and one child.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Cassie Roe.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your husband's name? A Perry Roe.  
Q How does your name happen to be Wolf? A It is a nickname for my father, his real name is Joe Vann.  
Q But they got your name on as Wolf, didn't they?  
A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 55, #1542, Susie Wolf, Canadian District.

- Q Now, your proper name then is Roe? A I go by Vann, my maiden name.  
Q Are you living with Roe? A No, sir.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A Yes, sir.  
Q And you resumed your maiden name? A Yes, sir.  
Q And your name is Susan Vann? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon, as follows:

Page 970, #759, Cassie Wolf, Illinois District.  
Page 970, #758, Susie Wolf, ~~Kanawha District~~ Illinois District.

- Q The child's name is Roe isn't it? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this child alive and living with you at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is it? A Six years old.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Susan Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. Satisfactory reason is given as to why her name appears upon said rolls as Wolf. She avers that she has been married to one Perry Roe, from whom she is now divorced. After said divorce she resumed her maiden name, Vann. She avers that she has one child, Cassie Roe, whose name appears upon the census roll of 1896 and is duly identified as the child of said Susan Vann and Perry Roe. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently said Susan Vann and her child, Cassie Roe, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Susie Vann,--2.

J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. McQuinn*

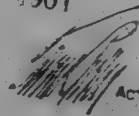
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office MuscogeeDistrict Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Susan Wolfmann Age 28

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 55 No. 1542 District Canadian

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Dinah Herapo Citizenship Cal

Names of Children:

3. Cassie ~~Wolfmann~~ Year 1896 Page 970 No. 759 Dist. Ill 16

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Clarence Lee for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Lee being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows.

- Q What is your name? A Clarence Lee.  
Q How old are you? A 18.  
Q What is your post office address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Gibson. (Illinois.)  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q What was your father's name? A Robert Thompson.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Lizzie Lee.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q Did she ever go by any other name besides Lizzie Lee? A Nig Adair.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's mother found thereon, page 499, #25, Nig Adair, Illinois District.

The 1896 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 953, #326, Clarence Lee, Illinois District.

- Q You say your mother when by the name of Nig Adair? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you born? A Born here I guess, they never did tell me.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you can recollect? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:)-The name of Clarence Lee is found upon the census roll of 1896. He avers that he is the child of Lizzie Lee, a Cherokee Freedman, and the name of Lizzie Lee is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Nig Adair. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Clarence Lee will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

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*T. B. Needles*

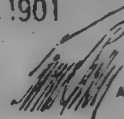
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office Fort GibsonDistrict Illinois1. Name Clarence LeeAge 18

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1896Page 953No. 326District Ill

Parents:

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Robert Thompson

Citizenship

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Mother

Lizzie Lee (ing Adams)

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by ho (1)Stenographer R. J. O.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Edmond Holt for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Holt being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Edmond Holt.  
Q How old are you? A About 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a ~~Cherokee~~ Freedman of any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 766, #929, Edmond Holt, Tahlequah.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 1310, #186, Edmond Holt, Tahlequah District.

- Q What is your father's name? A Alex Holt.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Harriet Johnson.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Edmond Holt is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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CHEEONE FREEDMEN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office H

District Tahl

1. Name Edmund Holt Age 21

Owner's name

Year 1888 Page 766 No. 929 District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Allen Holt

Citizenship

Col.

Mother

Alma Holt

Citizenship

Col.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Stenographer

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(1) - Roll Edmund Holt - (Edmond)

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Letter to the President of the United States  
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Washington, D. C., April 13, 1900.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 17th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Oscar Markham for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Markham being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Oscar Markham.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Markham? A About 33.  
Q What is your post office address? A Wagoner.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of 1880 citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon page 142, #1943, as Oswego Markham, Cooweescoowee Dist.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 411, #311, Oscar Markham, Cooweescoowee.

- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Ever been married? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES: The name of Oscar Markham is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Oswego Markham and upon the census roll of 1896 as Oscar Markham. He is duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.



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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

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District Co

1. Name Oscar Markham Age 93

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 142 No. 1943 District Co

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

Stenographer Russ J. O.

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Owego Markham

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alexander Kemp for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Christie Kemp, and his two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alexander Kemp.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know.  
Q About how old? A About 31 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Wife and children.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Christie Kemp.  
Q How old is she? A I think she's 22.  
Q What was her father's name? A John Bean.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Osby Bean.  
Q Are they living? A Her mother is; her father is dead.  
Q Was Osby Bean a Cherokee Freedman? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Is your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you know that your wife is? A Her name is on the roll.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Willie.  
Q How old is Willie? A Four.  
Q The next one? A Two.  
Q What is its name? A Florence.  
Q Two children is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A It ought to be there.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Kemp? A No sir, I drew with Alex Kemp.  
Q What was your father's name? A Alex Kemp.  
Q What was your mother's name? A My mother's name, Delilah Smith.  
Q Was she ever married to a man named Smith? A Yes, she was, Bob Smith.  
Q Was Bob Smith your stepfather? A No sir.  
Q Was your mother ever married to a man named Smith? A Yes sir, Bob Smith.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 580, No. 1685, Alex Smith, Illinois District.

- Q Do you know anybody named Louisa Bean? A That was her brother's wife.  
Q Your wife's name don't appear to be on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir, it ought to be on there.

By W. W. Hastings-

- Q Has your wife got any sisters? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Sarah.  
Q Has she got one named Mary? A Yes sir.  
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The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 740, No. 282, Christy Bean, Tahlequah District.

- Q Was you enrolled in 1896? A Yes sir, I, drew money both payments.  
Q Are these children named Kemp? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants are not found thereon.

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The Kerns-Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are not found thereon.

Q Did you draw strip money for your wife? A Yes sir; I didn't draw for my children.

Q How long have you been married to your wife? A About eight or nine years.

Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Your wife always lived here? A Yes sir.

Q These children living here at this time? A Yes sir.

The name of Alexander Kemp is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Alex Smith, his stepfather having been named Bob Smith, which accounts for his name being on said roll as Smith. The name of his wife, Christie Bean, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, that having been her maiden name; he avers he has two children, Willie and Florence, the result of said marriage by his wife, Christie; they are duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Alexander Kemp, his wife, Christie Kemp, and his two children, Willie and Florence, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of his children, Willie and Florence, it will be necessary for him to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of their births.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

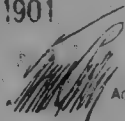
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

  
  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office

Fort Gibson

District

Illinois

1. Name Alexander Kemp Age 31

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 1685

District

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Alex Kemp

Citizenship

Mother

Delilah Smith

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Christy Kemp Age 22

Owner's name

Year 1880

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No. 282

District

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Citizenship

Parents:

Father

John Bean

Citizenship

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Mother

Osby Bean

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

| No. | Name                   | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|-----|------------------------|------|------|-----|-------|
| 1.  | <del>John Kemp</del>   |      |      |     |       |
| 2.  | <del>Willie Kemp</del> |      |      |     |       |
| 3.  | Willie Kemp            |      |      |     | 4     |
| 4.  | Florence Kemp          |      |      |     | 2     |
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Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer

Rottenberger

(1) - 80 Roll as "Allen Smith."

~~(2) - 80 Roll~~

(2) - 80 Roll "Christy Bean"

~~(3) - 80 Roll~~

(3) Affidavit of Birth to be filed

(4)

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. #535

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Willie Kemp

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE, Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Mellie Kemp born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Kemp, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: Christie Kemp, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, H. Gibson, TN.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Christie Kemp, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Colorad, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Kemp, who is a citizen, by  
Colorad, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Oct 1896; that said child has been  
named Mellie Kemp, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Judith Forman  
Ora Woods

Christie Kemp  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My Commission expires Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901.

M. D. L. Howell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Cosby Bean, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Christie Kemp, wife of Alexander Kemp,  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of October, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mellie Kemp.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Judith Forman  
Ora Woods

Cosby Bean  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My Commission expires Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

#535

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Florence Kemp*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

APR 2 1902

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Florence Kemp, born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Kemp, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: Christie Kemp, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, St. Gibson, Ga.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Christie Kemp, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Colonel, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Kemp, who is a citizen, by  
Colonel, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me, on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1896, that said child has been  
named Florence Kemp, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Judith Forman  
Ora Woods

Christie Kemp  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission expires Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901.

M. D. L. Dowell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Casby Bean, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Christie Kemp, wife of Alexander Kemp,  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Florence Kemp.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Judith Forman  
Ora Woods

Casby Bean  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission expires Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>, 1901.

M. D. L. Dowell

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILDClarence Kempf  
as a citizen of*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*March 20*

1903

*L. D. Buckner*  
(Commissioner)

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Clarence Kempf

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

March 20

1903

C. R. Buckner

Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Clarence Kemp, born on the 27 day of July, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Kemp, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Christie Kemp, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Fort Gibson I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Christie Kemp, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by Blond, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Kemp, who is a citizen, by  
Blond, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
named Clarence Kemp, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March, 1903

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W. D. McShride NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Synthia Tucker, a Citizen, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Christie Kemp, wife of Alexander Kemp  
on the 27 day of July, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Clarence Kemp.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Florence Ragdale Synthia Tucker  
Ora Woods mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of March, 1903

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W. D. McShride NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee F-533

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 4, 1903.

Alexander Kemp,

Port Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that before the application for the enrollment of your child, Clarence Kemp, as a Cherokee Freedman, will be complete, you should have executed and forward to the Commission at the earliest possible day, a properly executed affidavit as to the birth of said child, wherein your own name will appear as Alexander Kemp, and the name of your wife as Christie Kemp.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Emma Alwell for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Emma Alwell.  
Q What is your age? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Nowata.  
Q What district do you live in? A Coconawawee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No and two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Waldo Alwell.  
Q How old is Waldo? A Four years old.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Fay.  
Q How old is Fay? A He's one year and three months old.  
Q What is your father's name? A George Davis.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Mackey.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name before you were married was Davis? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you in Illinois District twenty years ago, in 1880? A Yes sir, at Fort Gibson.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 522, No. 529, Emma Davis, Illinois District.

Applicant- My name in 1896 was Emma Walsh.

- Q Were you married to Walsh before you married Alwell? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you enroll in 1896? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been married to Alwell? A Four years; longer than that I was married in '95, if I aint mistaken.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are not found thereon.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q These children living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Your children? A Yes sir.

The name of Emma Alwell is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Emma Davis, that having been her maiden name; she has since married one Will Alwell; by him she has two children as she swears named Waldo and Fay; their names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Emma Alwell and her two children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to perfect the enrollment of her two children, it will be necessary for her to supply the Commission with proof of their births.

A. B. C.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he accurately recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*J. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

VB J. J. C.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office *Wata*

District *Cro*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife *Emma Alwell* Age *25*

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *522* No. *529* District *all*

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father *George Davis* Citizenship *Col*

Mother *Jane Mackay* Citizenship *Col*

Names of Children:

2. *Waldo Alwell* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

3. *Kay* Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by *no (1)*

Stenographer *Rollenberger E S*

(1) - *Roll Emma Davis*

~~(1) - *Roll*~~

(2) *affidant of Birth to be filed*

(3) *" " " "*

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**CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.**

**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Waldo Howell*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved **APR 17 1901** 190

*Cherokee*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Waldo Alwell, born on the 1st day of August, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: William Alwell, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Alwell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Nowata, St.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Emma Alwell, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Alwell, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 1st day of August, 1897; that said child has been  
named Waldo Alwell, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesEmma AlwellSubscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Jane Mackay, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Alwell, wife of William Alwell  
on the 1st day of August, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Waldo Alwell.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesJane MackaySubscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. *#536*

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Fay Alwell*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *APR 17 1901* 190

*Whitcomb*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Fay Alwell, born on the 8th day of Dec-, 1879  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Alwell, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Alwell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Nowata, IA

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Emma Alwell, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption col, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Alwell, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 8th day of Dec-, 1879; that said child has been  
named Fay Alwell, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesEmma AlwellSubscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.L. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Jane Macky, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Alwell wife of William Alwell,  
on the 8th day of Dec-, 1879; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Fay Alwell.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesJane MackySubscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.L. F. Bailey

NOTARY PUBLIC

my Com - April 12 - 1908.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ruth Alwell

as a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Ruth Alwell, born on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Wm Alwell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Emma Alwell, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Nowata

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Nowata District.

I, Emma Alwell, on oath state that I am 26  
 years of age and a citizen, and Cherokee Indian, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Wm Alwell, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902; that said child has been  
 named Ruth Alwell, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Not to Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902

My Com exp 10/15/1904

Eugene Lawson  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Nowata District.

I, W. W. Winget, a Physician, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Emma Alwell, wife of Wm Alwell,  
 on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902, that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
 named Ruth Alwell

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Not to Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902

My Com exp 10/15/1904

Eugene Lawson  
 Notary Public.

Chas. F. 196.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 17, 1902.

E. B. Lawson,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your letter of the 11th instant, enclosing birth affidavit in the matter of the application of Ruth Alwell for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The affidavit is returned to you herewith for the reason that the mother of this child, Emma Alwell, states in her affidavit that she is a citizen by blood of the Cherokee Nation. The records of this Commission show that she has been listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and this fact must be shown in the affidavit.

When application was made for the enrollment of Emma Alwell, April 17, 1901, the Commission was advised that her age was at that time about twenty-five years. In the affidavit as to the birth of her child, executed before you on the 10th day of June, 1902, she states that she is twenty-four years old.

When the corrections above referred to have been made return the affidavit to the Commission at Muskogee, where it will receive further consideration.

Yours truly,

Encl. C-196.

Commissioner in Charge.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, APRIL 18, 1901. THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

REPORT OF THE COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES, APRIL 18, 1901. THE COMMISSIONERS OF THE INTERIOR, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Rogers for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Rose Rogers, and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A About 55 or 4.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Locust Grove.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Recognized, bred and born here.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and two more boys.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Rose Wright.  
Q Rose Rogers now? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A 57, she might be a little older.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Cherokee Freedman.  
Q What are the names of these children you want to enroll, the eldest one? A Daniel.  
Q How old is Daniel? A He's 20.  
Q The name of the next? A Jesse.  
Q How old is Jesse? A 19.  
Q Is Daniel old enough to vote? A Yes sir.

Com'r. - He will have to enroll himself.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 783, No. 1426, George McCrackin, Tahlequah Dist.

- Q How did your name happen to be McCrackin on the roll of 1880?  
A By marriage; Bill McCrackin married old Will Rogers grand-daughter, my old Master's granddaughter; we went by that name then, but my name now is Rogers.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 783, No. 1427, Rose McCrackin, Tahlequah Dist.

- Q Your wife was called McCrackin because you were called McCrackin, is that right? A Yes sir- Rose Rogers now.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

- Page 1039, No. 22, George McCrackin, Saline District.  
Page 1039, No. 23, Rose McCrackin, Saline District.  
Page 1039, No. 26, Jesse McCrackin, Saline District.

- Q Your name is Rogers? A Yes sir.  
Q Is his name Jesse Rogers? A Yes sir, Rogers.  
Q Your boy is here? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Rose his mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Jesse born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

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The name of George Rogers and his wife, Rose, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1898 as George and Rose McGreckin. The name of his son, Jesse, is found upon the census roll of 1898 as Jesse McGreckin. Applicant avers his proper name is Rogers and explains in the testimony why his name was enrolled as McGreckin. He is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently George Rogers, his wife, Rose, and his child, Jesse, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*E. V. Rothenberger*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.



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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office Lotus GroveDistrict Saline1. Name George RogersAge 53Owner's name (Will Rogers)

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 783No. 1426District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Rose RogersAge 57

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 783No. 1427District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3. Agniel Rogers

Year

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF*Jesse Rogers*  
a citizen of the*Cherokee* Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Jesse Rogers  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Locust Grove, Ind. Ter., and died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1905.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North DISTRICT.

I, Rose Rogers, on oath state that I am 67  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Locust Grove, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
Mother of Jesse Rogers  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Jesse Rogers died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1905.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { Belle Bledsoe  
Sallie Bledsoe

Rose Rogers  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1905.  
J. P. Bledsoe  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North DISTRICT.

I, George Rogers, on oath state that I am 60  
years of age, and a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Locust Grove, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with Jesse Rogers  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Jesse Rogers died on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1905.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { Belle Bledsoe  
Sallie Bledsoe

George Rogers  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1905.  
J. P. Bledsoe  
Notary Public.

Cherokee Freedmen

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 18, 1905.

Rose Rogers,

Locust Grove, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is returned herewith affidavit executed by you on June 19, 1905, as to the death, on May 28, 1905, of your son, Jesse Rogers. You are requested to have the signatures by mark of yourself and George Rogers witnessed by two disinterested persons, and to return same to this office for further consideration.

Respectfully,

U.S. GOVERNMENT

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*Wm. Beall*  
Acting Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rose Rogers for the enrollment of her grandchildren, Robert, Hannibal, Lulu, Frank and Elizabeth Austin, as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A I pronounce my age 56 years of age.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Locust Grove.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll? A My granddaughter, Robert Austin.  
Q How old is Robert Austin? A 19.  
Q Any other children now? A His brother, Hannibal Austin, 18.  
Q The next one? A Lulu Austin.  
Q How old is Lulu? A 16.  
Q The next one? A Frank, 15.  
Q The next one? A Elizabeth, 13.  
Q The next one? A That's all.  
Q Five of them? A Yes sir.  
Q What is their father's name? A Stephen Austin.  
Q He living? A No sir, mother and father both dead.  
Q Was Stephen Austin a citizen? A A Citizen of the Choctaw Nation.  
Q What was their mother's name? A Emma Austin; she was my daughter; she was Emma Wright.  
Q What was Emma's mother's name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q Is Emma dead? A Yes sir.  
Q They are orphan children? A Yes sir.  
Q These children living with you at this time? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the mother of the children is found on page 785, No. 1428, Emiline McCrackin, Tahlequah Dist. Fict.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the mother of the children not found thereon, nor are the names of the children identified thereon.

- Q Do these children go by any other name besides Austin? A None at all.  
Q Were they enrolled in 186? A They were enrolled I think the time the Wallace Roll; the mother enrolled them and she died before the payment.  
Q Did you draw a trip money for these children? A Yes sir, there was two put on.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the three older children identified thereon as follows:

- Page 42, No. 1040, Robert Austin, Saline District.  
Page 42, No. 1041, Frank Austin, Saline District.  
Page 42, No. 1042, Lula Austin, Saline District.

- Q Where is Hannibal? A He's home with us.  
Q Why didn't you draw money for him? A He was knocked off the roll.  
Q Why? A I can't tell you why; they were enrolled here at Ft. Gibson.  
Q Did you draw for Elizabeth either? A No sir, them two were knocked off.  
Q Are they own brothers and sisters? A Yes, but one mother and one father.  
Q Did they ever go by any other names besides Austin? A None at all.

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The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the names of Hannibal and Elizabeth Austin not identified thereon.

Q These are all the children of Emilene? A Yes sir.

Q You will have to prove the birth of these children?  
A I can easily do it.

The names of Robert Austin, Lulu Austin and Frank Austin are found on the Kerns Clifton Roll; applicant avers they are the children of Emma Austin, whose name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as ~~Emma Austin~~ Emilene McCrackin, that having been her maiden name; that Emma McCrackin was the child of Rosa Rogers, whose name appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Rose McCrackin, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and the said Robert, Lulu and Frank, are identified upon the roll; the names of Hannibal and Elizabeth cannot be found upon any roll in the possession of this Commission; they make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Robert Austin, Hannibal Austin, Lulu Austin, Frank Austin, Elizabeth Austin, the children of Emma Austin, nee McCrackin, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of said Hannibal and Elizabeth, it will be necessary for applicant to make satisfactory proof to this Commission as to their births, and that they are the lineal descendants of said Emma Austin nee McCrackin, whose name appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1891

Post Office

Lotus Grove

District

Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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| 2.  | Hannibal "    | Year |      | Page | 42 | No. | 10   | Dist. |        | 18 |
| 3.  | Lula "        | Year | K.C. | Page | 42 | No. | 1042 | Dist. | Saline | 15 |
| 4.  | Frankie "     | Year | K.C. | Page | 42 | No. | 1041 | Dist. | Saline | 13 |
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Hannibal Austin

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Hannibal Austin born on the 15 day of Octo, 1883  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Steven Austin citizen of the Chatau Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Austin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Locust Grove, Ga.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mother is dead, on oath state that I am  
years of age and a citizen, by Emma Austin, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Steven Austin, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, that a male or female child was  
born to me on the 15 day of October, 1883; that said child has been  
named Hannibal Austin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of October, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Rose Rogers, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Austin, wife of Steven Austin  
on the 15 day of October, 1883; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Hannibal Austin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Elizabeth Austin

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Elizabeth Austin (here insert name of child), born on the October day of 1889,  
Name of Father: Steven Austin, a citizen of the Schickel Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Austin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Houck Grove, D. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Father, on oath state that I am deceased and Mother  
years of age and a citizen, by deceased and Mother of the deceased and Mother Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of deceased and Mother, who is a citizen, by deceased and Mother  
deceased and Mother, of the deceased and Mother Nation, that a deceased and Mother child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the deceased and Mother day of deceased and Mother; that said child has been  
named deceased and Mother, and is now living deceased and Mother

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this deceased and Mother day of deceased and Mother 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

Rose Rogers, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Austin, wife of Steven Austin,  
on the October day of 1889, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Elizabeth Austin

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

S. B. Bluford  
Sarah Williams

Rose Rogers  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April 1901.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., October 19, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Robert Austin for the enrollment of himself, his brothers, Hannibal and Frank Austin and his sisters, Lula and Elizabeth Austin as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Lula Lewis, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lula Lewis.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know; I suppose about 19.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wagoner.  
Q Was your postoffice Locust Grove when you enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Earl Lewis.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A 25th of June, 1903.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A No, he is up in the penitentiary.  
Q Where? A Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A No sir.  
Q How long has Earl Lewis been in the penitentiary? A He will be there a year in January.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*May Hudson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1904.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Frank Austin

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved May 5 1905

Commissioner.

May 5 1905



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Frank Austin  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Lacust Grove, Ind. Ter., and died on the 9 day of  
April, 1905  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Robert Austin, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Lacust Grove, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
a brother of Frank Austin  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Frank Austin died on the 9 day of  
April, 1905.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1905.

James  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Buffington for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nancy Buffington.  
Q What is your age? A 36.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Malvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir, it ought to be.  
Q What was your father's name? A George Rogers.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My little boy and myself.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Ambrose Buffington.  
Q Is he a Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together? A Yes sir, we were parted a while.  
Q Do you apply for his enrollment? A His mother applied for him.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Harry Buffington.  
Q How old is Harry? A 14 years.  
Q You apply for the enrollment of yourself and your son, Harry? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 785, No. 1429, Nancy McCrackin, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1059, No. 11, Nancy Buffington, Saline District.

- Q Is Harry living? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

The name of Nancy Buffington is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Nancy McCrackin; she avers she is the child of Rose Rogers, whose name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Rose McCrackin, and she is duly identified as the applicant; she applies for the enrollment of herself and one child named Harry, and the name of Harry Buffington is found upon the census roll of 1896; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

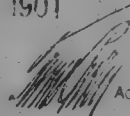
The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office MelvinDistrict Tahl

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Nancy Buffington Age 36

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 783 No. 1429 District Tahl

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father George Rogers Citizenship ColMother Rose Rogers Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

(2) Harry Buffington Year 1896 Page 1039 No. 12 Dist. Saline 14

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Application made by Ind 11 Stenographer Robert E. G.

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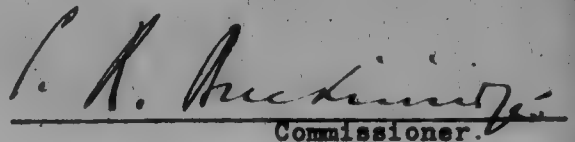
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER., NOV. 24, 1902.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Nancy Buffington et al. as Cherokee freedmen:

SUPPLEMENTAL STATEMENT.

An examination of the 1896 Census Roll of the Cherokee  
Nation shows that Harry Buffington is identified thereon, at page  
1039, #12, Saline District.

It is ordered that copies of this statement be filed with  
and made a part of the record in this case.

  
Commissioner.

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**CONCLUSIONS**



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., October 15, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Nancy Buffington for the enrollment of herself and son, Harry Buffington, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Nancy Jones, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nancy Jones.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 34 my mother says.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Wagoner.  
Q Was your postoffice Melvin when you enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since then? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Sam Jones.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A We have been married about two years.  
Q In what month were you married? A September.  
Q September two years ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you remember what day of the month? A No sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.
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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of October, 1904.

Samuel T. Tamm.  
Notary Public.

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Described and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

Notes thereon.

Witnessing is a jury, fine and collected, describe or his agent, describe or the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he collected to the undersigned, being with sworn, states that as aforementioned.

Witness.

Residence, and with be fitted for enrollment as a Cherokee and to with identified and were surrendered to the Bureau of Indian Affairs; the said married one Williams, a man of Indian blood the census roll of 1880 as per census name, George, aged roll of 1880 as per census name, George McGowan, Jr., and the name of George Williams is found upon the enrollment.

John born in the Cherokee Nation, A Yes sir.

John was born in the Cherokee Nation with the exception of one year at Worcester, A Yes sir.

General spent one year; I live in Selma District now.

John was born in the Cherokee Nation, George, A I lived at

June 10th, No. 21, Selma District, Selma District.

John was born in the Cherokee Nation, A Yes sir.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Williams for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Williams.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Locust Grove.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A No one, but myself.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A George Williams.  
Q He a citizen? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 783, No. 1434, Sarah McGrackin, Tahlequah Dist.

- Q How long have you been married to Williams? A About six years.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1040, No. 31, Sarah William, Saline District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation, Sarah? A I lived at Wagoner about one year; I live in Saline District now.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation with the exception of one year at Wagoner? A Yes sir.  
Q Born here in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

The name of Sarah Williams is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Sarah McGrackin, and upon the census roll of 1896 by her present name, Sarah Williams; she having married one Williams, a non citizen; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

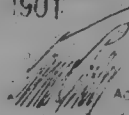
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office Louis GroveDistrict Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Sarah Williams Age 23

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 783 No. 1434 District Tahle

Parents:

Father George Roger Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by No 611Stenographer R. H. Berger(1) - Roll Sarah McCrackin(1) - 96 - 1040 #31 Saline

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Savilla Brown for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Savilla Brown.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Locust Grove.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name appear upon the roll of 1880? A Yes sir, I guess it do.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My two children.  
Q What is your father's name? A George Rogers.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Elizabeth Brown.  
Q How old is Elizabeth? A Three years old.  
Q The name of the next child? A Ethel.  
Q How old is Ethel? A One year old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A David Brown.  
Q He a citizen? A Citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Q Have you ever applied to the Creek authorities to have yourself and children enrolled as Creeks? A No sir.  
Q Where have you lived all your life? A Over at Lillietta in the Creek Nation for two years; I live in Saline now.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation with the exception of the two years you lived over there? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever go by any other name, Savilla? A That's the only name.  
Q Did you have a brother named Simon? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 785, No. 1435, Simon McCrackin, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1039, No. 24, Sevillia McCrackin, Saline District.

- Q Are these children both alive at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes sir.

The name of Savilla Brown is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Simon McCrackin, McCrackin having been her maiden name, and she is duly identified as the applicant; her name is found upon the census roll of 1896; she avers she has two children, Elizabeth and Ethel, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after the census roll was compiled. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence. She avers she is married to one David Brown, a non citizen; consequently, Savilla Brown and her two children, Elizabeth and Ethel, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to

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complete the enrollment of the two children, Elizabeth and Ethel. It will be necessary for her to file with this Commission evidence in proof of their births.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission on the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

*E. P. Heuberg*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF THE  
CHIEF OF BUREAU

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1801Post Office Louis GroveDistrict Saline

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_

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No. \_\_\_\_\_

District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Savilla BrownAge 26

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880Page 783No. 1433District Tall

Parents:

Father George RogersCitizenship colMother RoseCitizenship "

Names of Children:

2. Elizabeth Brown

Year \_\_\_\_\_

Page \_\_\_\_\_

No. \_\_\_\_\_

Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Ethel

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Year \_\_\_\_\_

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Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by W (1)Stenographer Robert Taylor ES.

{ (1) - 88 Roll as "Simon Mc Crackin"

{ (1) - 96 Roll 1039 # 24 Saline }

(3) Affidant of Birth to be filed

(3) " " " "

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Cathel Brown

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

May 4 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ethel Brown, born on the 10 day of March, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: David Brown, a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Name of Mother: Savilla Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Conestoga, S. I.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District. St. James

I, Savilla Brown, on oath state that I am 46  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Brown, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Creek Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of March, 1900 that said child has been  
named Ethel Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District. St. James

I, Rose Rogers, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Savilla Brown, wife of David Brown,  
on the 10 day of March, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Ethel Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

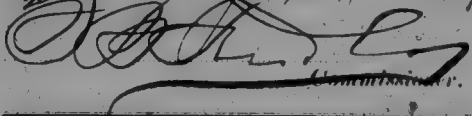
INFANT CHILD

Elizabeth Brown  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

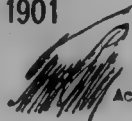
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Elizabeth Brown (here insert name of child), born on the 19 day of December, 1897  
Name of Father: David Brown, a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Name of Mother: Savilla Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Rocky Grove, S. D.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
St. James District.

I, Savilla Brown, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of David Brown, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Creek Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 19th day of December, 1897 that said child has been  
named Elizabeth Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSavilla Brown.Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17th day of April, 1901.John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
St. James District.

I, Rose Rogers, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Savilla Brown, wife of David Brown  
on the 19 day of December, 1897 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Elizabeth Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Rose Rogers  
mark  
W. B. Johnson  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of April, 1901.John Brady

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Cherokee Freedmen  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 2, 1904.

Savilla Brown,

Locust Grove, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of October 27, inclosing birth affidavit executed by you on October 27, 1904, showing the birth, on June 22, 1902, of Clara May Brown, child of David and Savilla Brown.

In reply you are advised that an examination of the records of the Commission fails to disclose that application has ever been made to it for the enrollment of the said Clara May Brown as a Cherokee freedman. You are further advised that this Commission is now without authority to receive applications for enrollment in said Nation.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) *Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lucinda Gravens for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucinda Gravens.  
Q How old are you? A About 35.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Glaremore.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q You been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jerry Foreman.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Ellen.  
Q She living? A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled besides yourself? A Four children.  
Q What is the name of the oldest child? A Addison Gravens.  
Q How old is he? A 9.  
Q The next one? A Leila M. Gravens.  
Q How old is Leila? A She's 7.  
Q The next child? A Roland.  
Q How old is Roland? A He's going on 5.  
Q The next child? A Harvey.  
Q How old is Harvey? A 14 months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Harvey Gravens.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q These children all alive and living with you at this time?  
A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 897, No. 519, Lucinda Foreman, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants ~~is~~ not found thereon.

- Q Are you and your children on the roll of '96? A No sir, I don't think we is.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A No sir.  
Q Why? A I couldn't tell you; I was knocked off like the rest of them.  
Q Your name is on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Pay Roll examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q These children of yours are not on any roll, are they? A I don't know sir; if they aint on the '96 roll, I don't think they is.  
Q Didn't you draw strip money for your children? A No sir.  
Q You know the reason why? A No sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Then you are the child of Jerry and his wife, Ellen? A Yes sir.  
Q Her name is not on the roll of 1880? A No sir, she was dead before then, I guess; he married Hannah, after that.  
Q Did anybody draw money for these children or for you? A No sir.  
Q Where were you living? A In Sequoyah.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation six years ago? A I aint lived anywhere else.

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- Q Were you married at that time? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your husband here now? A No sir, he is at home.  
Q Did he try to draw your money for you? A No sir.

The name of Lucinda Gravens is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Lucinda Foreman, that having been her maiden name; she is duly identified as the child of Jerry Foreman, whose name also appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880; she avers she is married to one Harvey Gravens, a non citizen, by whom she ~~has~~ has four children, Addison, Leila M., Roland and Harvey; she is duly identified, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Lucinda Gravens will be duly listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, and her children Addison, Leila M., Roland, and Harvey will also be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen when she files with this Commission satisfactory proof of their births.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*J. D. Decker*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office Glennville

District

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Lucinda Cravens Age 35

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 697 No. 579 District Sev.

Parents:

Father Jerry Foreman Citizenship Col

Mother Ellen " " Citizenship Col 3

Names of Children:

2 Addison Cravens Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 9

3 Lela M " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 7

4 Rosland Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 16

5 Harvey Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. 14 yrs

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Application made by W. L. L.

Stenographer

(1) 80 Roll "Lucinda Foreman"

(2) 98

(2) Proof of Birth to be filed

(3) " " " "

(4) " " " "

(5) " " " "

26 CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 542

**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

Addison Rowans

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, May 18 1901

[Signature]  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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[Signature]

ACTING CHAIRMAN

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Addison Cravens, born on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Aug, 1891,  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Harvey Cravens citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lucinda Cravens citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Cherokee, S. C.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Lucinda Cravens, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption Friedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Harvey Cravens, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
 (male or female.)  
 born to me on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1891 that said child has been  
 named Addison Cravens, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

W. J. Dodson  
 Com. Ex. Officer Jan. 31, 1905  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lucinda Cravens, wife of Harvey Cravens,  
 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of August, 1891 that there was born to her on  
 said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female.)  
 named Addison Cravens.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1905.

Wm T Henry  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 54V

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Roland Thomas  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved,

May 18 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Roland Cravens born on the 4 day of May, 1895  
Name of Father: Harvey Cravens, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Cravens, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Claremore, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Stanton District.

I, Lucinda Cravens, on oath state that I am 35 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Harvey Cravens, who is a citizen, by marriage of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was born to me on the 4 day of May, 1895 that said child has been named Roland Cravens and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 1901.

W. J. Dodson  
Com. Expires Jan. 31, 1905  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Stanton District.

I, Rosanna Melton, Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Lucinda Cravens, wife of Harvey Cravens, on the 4 day of May, 1895 that there was born to her on said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Roland Cravens.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Edmond Starvo  
Allen Foreman

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1901.

My commission expires Apr. 12, 1902.

Wm. Henry  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lela H. Krawns*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, *May 17*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Lela M. Cravens, born on the 4 day of June, 1893  
 (Here insert name of child)  
 Name of Father: Harvey Cravens citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Rucinda Cravens citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Claremore, Okla.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Rucinda Cravens, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Harvey Cravens, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 4 day of June, 1893 that said child has been  
 named Lela M. Cravens, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15 day of May, 1901.

W. F. Dodson  
 Com. Expires Jan. 31, 1905  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Rucinda Cravens, wife of Harvey Cravens,  
 on the 4 day of June, 1893 that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Lela M. Cravens.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Rosana Melton  
Edmond Stamps  
Allen Foreman  
Wm F. Hurry  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 542

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Harvey Oranms  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved, May 18

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
Acting Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Harvey Cravens born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Harvey Cravens Citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lucinda Cravens Citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Cherokee, Ala.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Lucinda Cravens, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption Friedman Cherokee of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Harvey Cravens, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1900 that said child has been  
named Harvey Cravens, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSubscribed and sworn to before me this 15<sup>th</sup> day of May, 1901.

W J Dodson  
Com. Expires Jan: 31<sup>st</sup> 1903  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lucinda Cravens of Harvey Cravens.  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Feb, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Harvey Cravens  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
WitnessesSubscribed and sworn to before me this 11 day of May, 1901.My commission expires 12, 1904

Wm T Henry  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Pompey Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Pompey Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Saline.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir, I haven't.  
Q Are you recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Always have been.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Are you married? A No sir, I have been married; my wife is dead.  
Q No children? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 783, No. 1431, Pompey McGrackin, Tahlequah Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1039, No. 28, Pomp McGrackin, Saline District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, I stayed in the Creek Nation about a year.  
Q What is your father's name? A George Rogers.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q Were George and Rose Rogers ever known by the name of McGrackin? A They go by Rogers and sometimes McGrackin.  
Q Did you go sometimes by McGrackin? A Yes sir, some call me McGrackin sometimes.

The name of Pompey McGrackin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896 under the name of Pompey McGrackin, he having been erroneously enrolled by the name of McGrackin. He is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Pompey Rogers will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.



B. J. 543.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHEBOCTE, BRIDGEMEN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office Saline

District Saline

1. Name Pompey Rogers Age 31

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 783 No. 1431 District Saline

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Roll

Stenographer Rollmberger & S.

(1) on 80 Roll Pompey McCracken  
(1) - 96 Roll 1039 #28 Saline

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Daniel Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Daniel Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Locust Grove.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities always? A Yes sir, always have been.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? NA Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 785, No. 1435, Daniel McCrackin, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1039, No. 25, Daniel McCrackin, Saline District.

- Q What is your father's name? A George Rogers.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rose.  
Q Their names appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as McCrackin? A Yes sir, according to his owners.  
Q That is the reason your name got on the roll as McCrackin? A Yes sir.  
Q But your proper name is Rogers? A Yes sir.

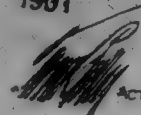
The name of Daniel Rogers is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896 as Daniel McCrackin, he having been erroneously enrolled by that name. Explanation of the same is made in the testimony; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Daniel Rogers will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1861

Post Office

Lotus Grove

District

Saline

1. Name

Daniel Rogers

Age 21

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 783

No. 1435

District

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Parents:

Father

George Rogers

Citizenship

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Mother

Rose Rogers

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

Rottenberger E.G.

(1) a 80 Roll as "Daniel McCracken?"

(1) - 96 Roll 1039 # 25 Saline )

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1893? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1893? A Yes sir.  
Q Jesse born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

The name of George Rogers and his wife, Rose, was found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890 as George and Rose McGrocklin. The name of his son, Jesse, is found upon the census roll of 1890 as Jesse McGrocklin. Applicant avers his proper name is Rogers and explains in his testimony why his name was enrolled as McGrocklin. He is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently George Rogers, his wife, Rose, and his child, Jesse, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

E. G. Rothensperger.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

T. B. Wheeler,  
Commissioner.

Maud Golder, the undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she made the foregoing copy of testimony and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the office of the Commission.

*Maud Golder*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of November, 1902.

*T. B. Wheeler*  
Notary Public.

To be filed with Cher. Fr. #544

Cher. Fr. #537

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Rogers for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Rose Rogers, and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A About 53 or 4.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Locust Grove.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Recognized, bred and born here.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and two more boys.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Rose Wright.  
Q Rose Rogers now? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A 57, she might be a little older.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Cherokee Freedman.  
Q What are the names of these children you want to enroll, the oldest one? A Daniel.  
Q How old is Daniel? A He's 20.  
Q The name of the next? A Jesse.  
Q How old is Jesse? A 19.  
Q Is Daniel old enough to vote? A Yes sir.

Com'r. - He will have to enroll himself.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 783, No. 1426, George McCrackin, Tahlequah Dist.

- Q How did your name happen to be McCrackin on the roll of 1880?  
A By marriage; Bill McCrackin married old Will Rogers grand-daughter, my old Master's granddaughter; we went by that name then, but my name now is Rogers.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 783, No. 1427, Rose McCrackin, Tahlequah District.

- Q Your wife was called McCrackin because you were called McCrackin, is that right? A Yes sir-Rose Rogers now.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 1039, No. 22, George McCrackin, Saline District.  
Page 1039, No. 23, Rose McCrackin, Saline District.  
Page 1039, No. 26, Jesse McCrackin, Saline District.

- Q Your name is Rogers? A Yes sir.  
Q Is his name Jesse Rogers? A Yes sir, Rogers.  
Q Your boy is here? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Rose his mother? A Yes sir.



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- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Jesse born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

The name of George Rogers and his wife, Rose, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as George and Rose McCrackin. The name of his son, Jesse, is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Jesse McCrackin. Applicant avers his proper name is Rogers and explains in the testimony why his name was enrolled as McCrackin. He is duly identified as the applicant, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently George Rogers, his wife, Rose, and his child, Jesse, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

E. G. Rothenberger.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

T. B. Needles,  
Commissioner.

Maud Cotner, the undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as a stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she made the foregoing copy of testimony and that the same is a true and correct copy of the original on file in the office of the Commission.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 24th day of November, 1902.

*Maud Cotner*  
*B. O. Jones*  
Notary Public.

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OFFICE OF THE ENGINEER  
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COMMISSIONER

Subscribed and sworn to before me

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into notes thereof.  
The foregoing is a true and correct copy of the testimony of the Commission to the undersigned and the undersigned states that he is a member of the Commission.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susan Gray for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susan Gray.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your father's name? A I don't know.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lissie Crossley.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Vian, Illinois District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q You always been recognized as the Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Julia E. G. Gray.  
Q How old is she? A She's five years old.  
Q What is the next one? A Lucinda.  
Q How old is Lucinda? A Two years old.  
Q The next one? A Delia.  
Q How old is Delia? A Little over a month old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Charley Gray.  
Q He a citizen? A Choctaw citizen.  
Q Your name before you were married was Wilson? A Yes sir.  
Q You say your mother's name was Crossley? A She was a Crossley. My maiden name was Wilson.  
Q Your maiden name was Susie Wilson? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 20, No. 38, Susie Wilson, Orphan Roll, Saline District.

- Q The 1896 censusrroll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is not found of record thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A No sir, I didn't the last time.  
Q Why didn't you draw strip money? A I don't know the reason.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, never was anywhere else.

The name of Susan Gray is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Susie Wilson; she avers that is her maiden name. The records of the Cherokee Nation show that she was enrolled with Lissie Crossley, who she avers was her mother. Her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896; she avers she is married to one Charley Gray, a non citizen, by whom she has three children, Julia E. G., Lucinda, and Delia, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Susan Gray and her three children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of her three children, it will be necessary for her to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of their births.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 15th day of April, 1901.


  
  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901

Post Office Man

District Ill

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Surie Gray Age 21

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 20 No. 38 District Ill (Orphan Roll)

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Lizzie Crosby Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|                             | Year | Page | No. | Dist.          |
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| (2) <u>Julia E. G. Gray</u> |      |      |     | <u>5</u>       |
| (3) <u>Lucinda</u>          |      |      |     | <u>2</u>       |
| (4) <u>Delia</u>            |      |      |     | <u>1 month</u> |
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Application made by no (1)

Stenographer Rottenberger E. G.

- (1) no Roll as "Surie Wilson"
- (2) Affidavit of Birth to be filed
- (3) " " " "
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

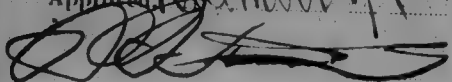
INFANT CHILD

Julia E. G. Gray  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee Nation.

Approved

December 7th

1901



Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*J. R. R.* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Julia E. G. Gray*, born on the *28* day of *June*, 189*7*.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Charlie Gray*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Susie Gray*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Wann, La.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District. *St. John*

I, *Susie Gray*, on oath state that I am *31*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Charlie Gray*, who is a citizen, by  
of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *28* day of *June*, 189*7*; that said child has been

named *Julia E. G. Gray*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK  
(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*P. R. Mays*  
*a. g. l. s. t.*

*Susie Gray*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30* day of *November*, 190*1*.

*J. R. Mayfield*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District. *St. John*

I, *Charlie Gray*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Susie Gray*, wife of *Charlie Gray*,  
on the *28* day of *June*, 189*7*; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named *Julia E. G. Gray*  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*P. R. Mays*  
*a. g. l. s. t.*

*his*  
*Charlie Gray*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *30* day of *November*, 190*1*.

*J. R. Mayfield*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

#545

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

Nation.

Approved,

December 1<sup>st</sup> 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mamda Gray, born on the 28 day of Aug, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Charlie Gray, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susie Gray, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Man, S. I.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Susie Gray, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Charlie Gray, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 28 day of Aug, 1898; that said child has been  
named Mamda Gray, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

P. R. Mays  
A. O. G. L. S.

Susie Gray  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Charley Gray, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susie Gray, wife of Charley Gray,  
on the 28 day of Aug, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Mamda Gray.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

P. R. Mays  
A. O. G. L. S.

Charley Gray  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

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9 CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Delia Gray

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Della Gray, born on the 9 day of March, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Charlie Gray, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susie Gray, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Vian, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
District.

I, Susie Gray, on oath state that I am 31  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Charlie Gray, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 9 day of March, 1901; that said child has been  
named Della Gray, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

P. R. Mayo  
A. Oglesby

Susie x Gray  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY }  
District.

I, Charlie Gray, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susie Gray, wife of Charlie Gray,  
on the 9 day of March, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Della Gray.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

P. R. Mayo  
A. Oglesby

Charlie x Gray  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of November, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

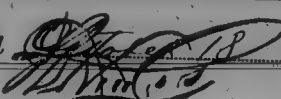
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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Delia Gray  
a citizen of the

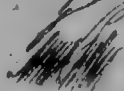
Cherokee Nation.

Approved  1904

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED  
FILED

Oct. 17, 1904



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Delia Gray  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Bherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian  
(Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died on the  
August, 1903 day of

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Charlie Gray, on oath state that I am 47  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the United States Nation;  
 that my post office address is Vian Ind. Ter.; that I am  
father of Delia Gray  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Bherokee Nation;  
 and that said Delia Gray  
(Here insert name of deceased) died on the  
August, 1903 day of

WITNESSES TO NAME:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) Delia Gray  
Charlie his Gray  
mark  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Oct - 1904  
Daniel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased) died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 1904.

WITNESSES TO NAME:  
(Must be Two Witnesses) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1904  
 Notary Public.

C O P Y .

Washington, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 22, 1905, (I.T.D. 6126-1905), June 1, 1906 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1906 (I.T.D. 12222-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 285 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 778      | 29634    | Wakes Step       |
| 965      | 2417     | Ava V. Price     |
| 967      | 2421     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 968      | 2426     | Samuel Oer       |
| 993      | 2467     | Lovely W. Moore  |
| 682      | 1914     | James P. Thomas  |
| 687      | 1916     | Fed Asorn        |
| 1002     | 2710     | Grover H. Morris |
| 1021     | 2772     | Allen Conley     |
| 1033     | 2418     | Mary Price       |



| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1036     | 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 1059     | 2890     | David T. Ross         |
| 1063     | 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 1078     | 2943     | Theodore Quisenberry  |
| 1097     | 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 1111     | 3039     | Jessie Taylor         |
| 1120     | 3066     | Hannie B. Barnes      |
| 1128     | 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 1134     | 3107     | George Ross           |
| 1136     | 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 1148     | 3154     | Julian L. Fickie      |
| 1186     | 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 1186     | 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 1197     | 3294     | Wattie Danton Palmer  |
| 1271     | 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 1281     | 3497     | May Akin              |
| 1297     | 3580     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 1302     | 3577     | Ernest H. Moten       |
| 1315     | 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 1340     | 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 1404     | 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 1416     | 26366    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 1428     | 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 1436     | 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 1438     | 3918     | Pellie Collier        |
| 1469     | 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 1545     | 4159     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 1567     | 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 1575     | 4216     | Noley Allison         |
| 1575     | 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 1606     | 4288     | Henry Ballard         |
| 1635     | 4365     | Louisa McGlashan      |
| 1639     | 27321    | Sauza Duval           |
| 2251     | 5845     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 3070     | 7597     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 5832     | 13966    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 6006     | 14382    | Henry Sunday          |
| 6398     | 15314    | Jennie Odeledda       |
| 6421     | 15379    | Emory H. Linder       |
| 6569     | 15737    | Susie W. Walker       |
| 7664     | 18045    | Claud Kump            |
| 8698     | 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 9455     | 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 9491     | 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 511      | 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 545      | 1345     | Julia E. C. Gray |
| 548      | 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 566      | 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 612      | 1440     | Wallace Payne    |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Sallisaw Star" both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Sallisaw Star" was on March 9, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration

of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freed men of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed..

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-15.

G.H.J.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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C O P Y

August 23, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

-I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240) 1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I. TD. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee nation in the possession of the Department and this Office, and that he be authorized

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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

P. E. Leupp.

Commissioner.

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I.T.D. 14720-1906.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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L.R.B.

August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 59 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your

possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

Roll No.

Name.

29634  
2617  
2621  
2626  
2667

Wakee Step  
Ava W. Price  
Grover C. Burrow  
Samuel Oser  
Lovely M. Moore.

Cherkees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 1924     | James M. Thomas       |
| 1935     | Ned Acorn             |
| 2710     | Grover H. Morris      |
| 2772     | Allen Conley          |
| 2818     | Mary Price            |
| 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 2890     | David W. Ross         |
| 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 2943     | Theodore Quessenbury  |
| 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 3039     | Jahana Taylor         |
| 3066     | Fannie B. Barnes      |
| 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 2107     | George Ross           |
| 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 3154     | Julian L. Hinkle      |
| 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 3294     | Vettie Lawton Palmer  |
| 3473     | Reuben McNairy        |
| 3497     | Ma. Akin              |
| 3530     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 3577     | Ernest H. Moton       |
| 3611     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 26356    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 3875     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 3915     | Pollie Collier        |
| 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 4189     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 4216     | Noley Allison         |
| 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 4288     | Henry Ballard         |
| 4365     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 27321    | Sansa Duval           |
| 5845     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 7527     | Robert W. Fields      |
| 13906    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 14392    | Henry Sunday          |
| 15314    | Jennie Odeledda       |
| 15379    | Emery H. Linder       |
| 15737    | Susie H. Walker       |
| 18048    | Gland Humpe           |
| 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 21586    | Daniel Garard         |

Chas. rekes Freedman.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 1343     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 1374     | Sallie Wields    |
| 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1906.

Susie Gray,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your daughter, Julia E. G. Gray, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Calvin for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner G. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Sarah Calvin.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah, I. T.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to be put on the roll? A I am on the roll.  
Q And you want to be put on now? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A My children.  
Q How many children? A Three.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Lived here all my days.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Henry Bean.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Frances Bean.  
Q Is your mother alive? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been married, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A Gus Calvin.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q When were you and he married? A I will have to see.  
Q Have you got a certificate? A Yes sir.

The applicant presents a license signed by the Clerk of the United States Court, Northern District, Indian Territory, authorizing marriage between herself and her husband as stated by her, and the date of the license is April 30, 1895. The certificate attached thereto shows that they were married in accordance with said license on May 2, 1895, by J. G. McComer, United States Commissioner. This is filed herewith.

- Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir, only by marriage.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know for certain: I never did keep count.  
Q Has he been dead a year? A Yes sir, a little over a year: I don't know exactly.  
Q You have not married since he died? A No sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Earl Calvin.  
Q How old is Earl? A Five years old.  
Q The next child? A Pearl M.  
Q How old is that child? A She's three.  
Q What is the next child? A Lillian.  
Q How old is that child? A She's two years old.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 736, No. 152, Sarah Bean, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant and her oldest child are found thereon as follows:

Page 1306, No. 198, Sarah Calvin, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1306, No. 107, Earl Calvin, Tahlequah District.

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The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and three children. She is duly identified on the rolls of 1890 and 1898 as a Cherokee Freedman. Her name of name is established by the marriage license and certificate filed herewith. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her eldest child, Earl Calvin, is duly identified on the roll of 1898; he is now living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with proper certification of birth of the two younger children, Pearl M. and Lillian Calvin, these children also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of April, 1901.

*E. D. Doherty*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

73 DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR J. S. H. C.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 18, 1901

Gahlegunk S.C.

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1 \* Name of wife

Sarah Calvin

Age 23

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page 736

No. 152

District

Tah.

Parents:

Father

Henry Bean - living

Citizenship

Sher Friedman

Mother

Gracius " - living

Citizenship

" " "

Names of Children:

2 \* Carl Calvin

Year

1896

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No.

107

Dist.

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3 \* Pearl M. "

Year

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4 \* Lillian "

Year

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Application made by

Sarah Calvin

Stenographer

E. R. K. H. B. G. R.

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Sarah Bean

100 1896 "

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3 and 4 affidavits of both to be supplied

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

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Card #546

IN-RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Pearl M. Galvin*

AS A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

APR 18 1901

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*J. B. Smith*

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN-RE application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Pearl  
M. Calvin born on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1897  
 Name of Father Gus Calvin, a citizen of the Cherokee  
 Nation. Name of Mother Sarah Calvin, a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation. Post office Pahlyndah, T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern DISTRICT.

I Sarah Calvin on oath, state that I am 23 years of age and a  
 citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of  
Gus Calvin who is a citizen of United States  
 Nation; that a Female child was born to me on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
June 1897; that said child has been named Pearl M. Calvin and  
 is now living.

WITNESS TO MARK:

Sarah Calvin{ Must be two  
{ Witnesses. }Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1901.

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1901 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern DISTRICT.

I Frances Beana midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs.  
Sarah Calvin wife of Gus Calvin  
 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1897; that there was born to her on said date a  
Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Pearl M. Calvin

WITNESS TO MARK:

Lon MilesNerise CraftFrances BeanaSubscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1901.S. J. Bayles

Notary Public.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN,

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Card 546

IN-RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD.

*Lillian Calvin*

AS A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved *April 23* 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN-RE application for enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of LillianCalvin born on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899Name of Father hus Calvin, a citizen of the CherokeeNation. Name of Mother Sarah Calvin, a citizen of theCherokee Nation, Post office Tahlequah, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North DISTRICT.I Sarah Calvin on oath, state that I am 23 years of age and a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of hus Calvin who is a citizen of United StatesNation; that a Female child was born to me on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899; that said child has been named Sarah Calvin and is now living.

WITNESS TO MARK:

{ Must be two  
Witnesses }Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900.J. S. Bingles  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North DISTRICT.I Francis Bean midwife, on oath, state that I attended on Mrs. Sarah Calvin wife of hus Calvin on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of March 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Lillian Calvin

WITNESS TO MARK:

Lou MilesWm. CraftFrancis L. Bean  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April 1900.J. S. Bingles  
Notary Public.

JOR

Cherokee F-546.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., April 14, 1905.

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In the matter of the application for the ~~en~~ enrollment of Sarah Calvin and children, Earl, Pearl M. and Lillian Calvin, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-546.

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SARAH DAY, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Calvin's the way I was filed, but I am married now and that makes my name Sarah Day.  
Q How old are you? A 27.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you children, Earl Pearl and Lillian? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A Last Fall.  
Q What day and month? A I don't believe I can tell you now. I couldn't tell you without I had my certificates here.  
Q Do you know what month? A I don't believe I know what month it was now.  
Q How long before Christmas? A A good while before Christmas. Le's see--long in the fall when I married; I forgot what month it was now.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A William Day.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Are you living together now? A Yes sir.

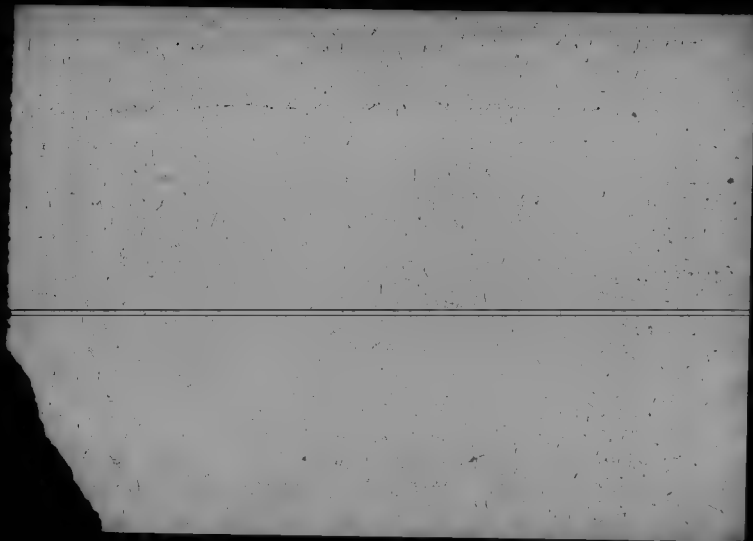
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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 20th day of April, 1905.

Joe Chambers  
William P. Drew  
Notary Public.

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Country Club.

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names and her maiden name of Shebbert; she will be listed  
there, or was entitled under the "Maiden Name," and is now  
listed, "It is shown that she always went by her maiden  
name, and to a man named Johnson," from whom she ob-  
tained the divorce after all her life; she was married  
to John C. Johnson and other testimony show that she has  
the maiden name; she is not identified on the roll  
of the United States for 1880," and is also identified on  
the Census of 1880. The applicant is identified on

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6. You may ~~not~~ have any of the following items:

“And now she does it, the name of Quabodig, ‘A yes sir,’ I answered. And she gave bettered, ‘A yes sir.’”

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2nd and 3rd College Avenue, Boston, Mass. U.S.A.

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Known for 20 years and more.

You have known her all the time haven't you? I never  
 got her never lived and where else? I don't see I know of.  
 Now lived at Westfield terrace.

Don't let the time in the Court be left as a year.

1944. E. Shoenberg

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary E. Sheppard for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary E. Sheppard.  
Q How old are you? A I guess I am about 56 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Coffee Sheppard.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Ann Scales. or Mary Scales, belonged to Joab Scales.  
Q Is your mother dead? A No sir.  
Q Is your mother living with your father? A No sir, they parted.  
Q And her name is Scales now? A Yes sir. She goes by her master's name.  
Q Have you ever married? A I have been married once.  
Q Whom did you marry? A J. J. Johnson.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, me and him separated.  
Q When did you and he marry? A It has been about ten years ago.  
Q How long did you and he live together? A Lived together six years.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q And after you and he separated you took your old name? A Yes sir.  
Q The last time you enrolled did you enroll as a Sheppard or Johnson? A Yes sir, I am down Sheppard, never did change it.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 47 #1295 M. E. Sheppard, Canadian Dist, adopted colored

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

- Q What's that E. in your name for? A Mary Net Sheppard.  
Q Net? A Yes sir.  
Com'r: Very hard to get Net out of E.  
Q Were you in Canadian in 1896? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 50 #1244 M. E. Sheppard, Canadian District.

- Q You drew your Strip money did you? A Yes sir.  
Q Is there anybody here knows that you and this man Johnson, and knows that you lived together as husband and wife? A Yes sir. Henry Brown and Rose McCracken.

ROSE ROGERS, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your full name there, please? A Rose Rogers.  
Q Rose Rogers now is it? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A I am now 56 years of age.  
Q What is your post-office? A Locust Grove.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.  
Q Do you know this woman, Mary E. Sheppard? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A Ever since she was a child.



Mary E. Sheppard 2

- Q You knew her all the time in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, they lived at Webbers Falls.
- Q She has never lived anywhere else? A Not as I know of.
- Q You have known her all the time haven't you? A Yes sir, I never knew her to live anywhere else.
- Q What is the name of her father? A Coffee Sheppard.
- Q And her mother? A Mary Sheppard.
- Q Mary Scales now? A I suppose so; her maiden name.
- Q She and Coffee Sheppard were separated? A Yes sir.
- Q This woman was married? A Yes sir.
- Q What was the name of the man she lived with? A J.J. Johnson.
- Q And they have parted? A Yes sir.
- Q And now she goes by the name of Sheppard? A Yes sir, I suppose so.
- Q You have ~~never~~ not heard of her being married again?
- A No sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the authenticated roll of 1880, and is also identified on the Karna Clifton roll; she is not identified on the roll of 1898; but her own and other testimony show that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; she was married for some years to a man named Johnson, from whom she separated, but it is shown that she always went by her maiden name, or was enrolled under her maiden name, and is now going under her maiden name of Sheppard; she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

*A. H. Curtis*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office VanDistrict Illinois

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife Mary E SheppardAge 36

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 47No. 1295District Canadian

Parents:

Father Coffee SheppardCitizenship CalMother Mary ScaleCitizenship Cal

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| 1.  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 5.  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 6.  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 7.  | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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| 11. | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
| 12. | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |

Application made by No 12Stenographer Green M D

(1) a 80 Roll in "M. E. Sheppard"

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ab Fields for the enrollment of himself, wife and nine children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ab Fields.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 49 years old.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and family.  
Q You have a wife A Yes sir.  
Q How many children have you? A I have got nine children.  
Q Are these children all under 21 years of age? A Yes sir.  
Q And they are all unmarried? A Yes sir.  
Q They are all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was bred and born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Joe Wolfe.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir, he is dead.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Fanny Fields.  
Q Is she alive? A No sir, she is dead.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A Well I guess my father has been dead now about 17 or 18 years.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A She has been dead about 32 or 3 years.  
Q How does it happen that you don't bear the name of ~~Wolfe~~ your father, whose name was Wolfe? A Well my father was a slave and belonged to Wolfe and I belonged to Mrs. Fields.  
Q You took your name from your Mistress of that day? A Yes sir.  
Q Now give me the name of your wife? A Sallie.  
Q How old is your wife? A She is about 39.  
Q When were you and she married? A We was married in 1880.  
Q She claims to be Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? A No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No sir.  
Q And you and she lived together ever since you were married?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And all the time in the Cherokee Nation? A All the time ; I never was out of the Cherokee nation except during the war.  
Q But you and she have lived together all the time in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A George Drew.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q About how long has he been dead? A He has been dead three years.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Diana Drew.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir, she is living.  
Q Is her name still Drew? A Yes sir.  
Q Now give me the names of your children? A My oldest is Diana.  
Q How old is that child? A 19 years old.  
Q Next child? A Joab.  
Q Is that a boy or a girl? A Boy.  
Q How old is he? A 17 years old.  
Q Next child? A Liddy.  
Q How old is that child? A She is fourteen years old.  
Q Next child? A John, a boy.  
Q How old is John? A 13.  
Q Next child? A Lula.  
Q How old is that child? A She is 11 years old.

Ab Fields et al 2

Q Next child? A Archie.  
Q How old is Archie? A He is 10 years old.  
Q Next child? A Mose.  
Q How old is Mose? A He is eight years old.  
Q Next child? A Is Turner.  
Q How old is that child? A He is six years old.  
Q Next child? A Levi.  
Q How old is Levi? A Two years old.  
Q That's all is it? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 531 #700 Abraham Fields, Illinois District, adopted col'd  
page 531 #701 Sallie Fields, Illinois Dist, adopted col'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 948 #219 Abraham Fields, Illinois District  
page 948 #220 Sally Fields, Illinois District  
page 948 #221 Diana Fields, Illinois District  
page 948 #222 Joab Fields, Illinois District  
page 948 #223 Lydia Fields, Illinois District  
page 948 #224 John Fields Illinois District  
page 948 #225 Arch Fields Illinois District  
page 949 #226 Lula Fields Illinois District  
page 949 #227 Mose Fields Illinois District  
page 949 #228 Turner Fields, Illinois District.

Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life?  
A Yes sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, wife and nine children; the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;

His wife is identified with him on the roll of 1880 and also on the roll of 1896; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;

The nine children named in the testimony are all said to be living at this time, to be unmarried and minors; the first eight are duly identified on the roll of 1896, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; when the Commission is supplied with proper certificate of birth of the youngest child, Levi, Fields, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 19, 1901.

*M. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

*VB. J. 548.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

**FILED**  
APR 18 1901

*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office VanDistrict Illinois1. Name Ab FieldsAge 49

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 531 No. 700 District Ill

Parents:

Father

Joe Wolf

Citizenship

Col D

Mother

Fannie Fields

Citizenship

Col D

2. Name of wife

Sallie FieldsAge 39

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 531 No. 701 District Ill

Parents:

Father

George Drew

Citizenship

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Mother

Diana Drew

Citizenship

Colored

Names of Children:

|                        |  |           |
|------------------------|--|-----------|
| 3. <u>Diana Fields</u> | Year <u>1896</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>221</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u> | <u>19</u> |
| 4. <u>Joab</u>         | Year <u>948</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>222</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>17</u> |
| 5. <u>Loddy</u>        | Year <u>948</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>223</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>14</u> |
| 6. <u>John</u>         | Year <u>948</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>224</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>13</u> |
| 7. <u>Lula</u>         | Year <u>948</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>226</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>11</u> |
| 8. <u>Archie</u>       | Year <u>948</u> Page <u>948</u> No. <u>225</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>10</u> |
| 9. <u>Moss</u>         | Year <u>949</u> Page <u>949</u> No. <u>227</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>8</u>  |
| 10. <u>Turner</u>      | Year <u>949</u> Page <u>949</u> No. <u>228</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>6</u>  |
| 11. <u>Levi</u>        | Year <u>949</u> Page <u>949</u> No. <u>228</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>  | <u>2</u>  |
| 12. <u>Year</u>        | Page <u>949</u> No. <u>228</u> Dist. <u>Ill</u>                  | <u>2</u>  |

Application made by

Jo V

Stenographer

M. D. Green

(1) - 10 Roll on "Abraham Fields"

(1) 96 R. 948 # 219 Ill

(2) 96 R. 948 # 220 Ill

(5) 96 Roll "Lydia Fields"

(8) 96 Roll on "Arch Fields"

(11) "Proof of Birth to be filed"



IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Joab Fields  
a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

Apr 5

1904

C. R. Beeding

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Joab Fields  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian, Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 day of  
August, 1904.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Emma Fields, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Bragg, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
wife of Joab Fields  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Joab Fields died on the 7 day of  
August, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of Dec, 1904.

Emma Fields  
mark  
Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904.

Notary Public.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Levi Shields

as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

JAN 1 1905

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO FIVE TRIBES.

DEC 19 1904

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In Re Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Levi Fields born on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Ab Fields a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sallie Fields a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Dean

Father  
AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Ab Fields, on oath state that I am 32  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful husband of Sallie Fields Cherokee Freedman, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Male child was  
(Male or female)

born to me on 25<sup>th</sup> day of February 1899; that said child has been named  
Levi Fields and is now living.

The aff. of mother cannot be given  
as she is dead

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Dan Lee  
Arthur Burris

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1904

W. H. Morley

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MID-WIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Dinah Osce, on oath state that I at-  
tended on Mrs. Sallie Fields, wife of Ab Fields  
on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1899; that there was born to her on said  
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named  
(Male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

Must be Two  
Witnesses.

Dan Lee  
Arthur Burris

Har  
Dinah Osce  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17<sup>th</sup> day of December 1904

W. H. Morley

NOTARY PUBLIC.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 548.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 12, 1905.

Ab Fields,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of an affidavit executed on December 17, 1904, showing the birth of Levi Fields on February 25, 1899, to yourself and Sallie Fields. Same being in due form will be filed with and made part of the record in this case.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Tarns Dixby.*

Chairman.

C O P Y .

Washoe, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 778      | 29634    | Wakes Step       |
| 966      | 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 967      | 2611     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 968      | 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 993      | 2687     | Levely M. Moore  |
| 682      | 1924     | James M. Thomas  |
| 687      | 1935     | Ned Acorn        |
| 1002     | 2710     | Grover H. Morris |
| 1021     | 2772     | Allen Conley     |
| 1033     | 2613     | Mary Price       |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1038     | 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 1059     | 2890     | David W. Ross         |
| 1063     | 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 1078     | 2943     | Theodore Quisenberry  |
| 1097     | 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 1111     | 3030     | Jessie Taylor         |
| 1120     | 3046     | Hannie B. Barnes      |
| 1126     | 3063     | William F. Vann       |
| 1134     | 3107     | George Ross           |
| 1136     | 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 1148     | 3154     | Julian L. Pickle      |
| 1166     | 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 1186     | 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 1197     | 3294     | Watie Denton Palmer   |
| 1271     | 3473     | Ruben Melnery         |
| 1281     | 3497     | May Akia              |
| 1297     | 3580     | Henry E. Benge        |
| 1302     | 3677     | Ernest M. Moten       |
| 1315     | 3612     | Joseph Cresaland      |
| 1340     | 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 1404     | 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 1416     | 24386    | Valter R. Downing     |
| 1428     | 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 1436     | 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 1438     | 3915     | Pellie Collier        |
| 1449     | 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 1545     | 4159     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 1567     | 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 1575     | 4216     | Holey Allison         |
| 1578     | 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 1606     | 4288     | Henry Ballard         |
| 1636     | 4365     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 1639     | 27321    | Susan Duval           |
| 2251     | 5845     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 3070     | 7597     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 5832     | 13966    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 6006     | 14362    | Henry Sunday          |
| 6398     | 15314    | Jennie Odeledda       |
| 6421     | 15379    | Emory M. Linder       |
| 6869     | 15737    | Susie H. Walker       |
| 7654     | 18045    | Clara Kump            |
| 8698     | 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 9455     | 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 9491     | 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 511      | 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 545      | 1365     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 548      | 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 566      | 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 612      | 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Sallisaw Star" both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Sallisaw Star" was on March 9, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration



of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-15.

G.H.L.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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C O P Y

August 23, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240) 1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I. ID. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with, and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee nation in the possession of the Department and this Office, and that he be authorized

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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. H. Leupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

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L.R.S.

August 29, 1906.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 59 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs, and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 29634    | Wakee Step       |
| 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 2621     | Grover C. Barrow |
| 2626     | Samuel Oor       |
| 2667     | Lively M. Moore. |

Cherokee by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 1924     | James M. Thomas       |
| 1935     | Ned Acorn             |
| 2710     | Grover E. Morris      |
| 2772     | Allen Conley          |
| 2818     | Mary Price            |
| 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 2890     | David W. Ross         |
| 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 2943     | Theodore Guesenbury   |
| 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 3039     | Jamena Taylor         |
| 3066     | Fannie R. Barnes      |
| 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 2107     | George Ross           |
| 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 3154     | Julian L. Hickle      |
| 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 3294     | Watie Lawton Palmer   |
| 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 3497     | May Akin              |
| 3550     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 3577     | Ernest H. Meton       |
| 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 3664     | Eliza Couch           |
| 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 26356    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 3870     | Thomas Paulkner       |
| 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 3915     | Pollie Collier        |
| 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 4159     | Ruthy M. Patten       |
| 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 4216     | Neley Allison         |
| 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 4268     | Henry Ballard         |
| 4365     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 27521    | Sansa Duval           |
| 5845     | Clarence P. Lee       |
| 7597     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 13906    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 14352    | Henry Sunday          |
| 15314    | Jennie Oodeleda       |
| 15379    | Emery H. Linder       |
| 15737    | Susie H. Walker       |
| 18045    | Gland Humpe           |
| 20140    | Pen Skitt             |
| 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

She takes Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 1365     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

Assistant Secretary.

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Cherokee F.  
548.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1906.

Ab Fields,  
Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your wife, Sallie Fields, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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 Commission to the State Civilized Tribes in correct recording the  
 M.D. Green, set in order this same states that he and Green to the

Charles Green.

Q All his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a  
 him in the roll of 1880; he has lived in the same section  
 with his mother, from his childhood; she is identified with  
 who was not recently married to his father, but that he lived  
 shown that he is enrolled in 1880 and that the name of his mother,  
 on the rolls of 1880 and 1880 as a Charles Green; it is  
 Court Green, is the father; the father is the identified

was next to be.

Q Now, when you were of age, and I was next to sister and brother-in-law  
 I reckon about the same.

Q How much older was sister than you? A I don't know, or much.

Q The Loses Rehearsal, M.W. Green, is  
 Applicant these names, is called and that I know of any.

Q Have you known him all his life? A Yes sir.

Q Examined by Commissioned Green, is that right?

Q What is your post-office? A My own.

Q How far did you live from his residence? A I lived about five

Examined by Charles Green, Rehearsal, M.W. Green, is that right?

Q And the children lived with their mother? A Yes sir.

Q She was, it is, married to his father? A No sir.

Q They have been enrolled under her name in 1880? A Yes, sir.

Q Did he live all his life in the same place?

Q Yes, sir. A Yes, sir. A Yes, sir. A Yes, sir. A Yes, sir.

Q But his mother was married to his father? A Yes, sir.

Q Who did you marry? A I married his mother, and she is identified as

Q He was living in 1880 was he? A Yes sir.

Q How was he married to his mother? A Yes sir.

Q Did he have any children? A Yes sir.

Q What name did she go by? A She went by the name of Mrs. D.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jesse Foreman for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Jesse Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your post-office? A Muldrow.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Only myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Harrison Foreman.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Tabby Dewberry.  
Q Is your mother alive? A She is dead.  
She has been dead three years this month.  
Q How do you happen to call her Dewberry instead of Foreman?  
A Adopted child you know.  
Q They were not regularly married? A No sir.  
Q And you always registered--? A She always registered me in my father's name, Harrison Foreman.  
Q Was your mother a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Been dead three years the 3rd day of this month.  
Q Did she have any name besides Tabby Dewberry? A She was a Dupey, something like that.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon as follows:  
page 691 #377 Jessie Depy, Sequoyah Dist, native colored;  
1880 roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's mother identified as follows:  
page 691 #375 Tobbin Depy, Sequoyah Dist, native colored;

Com'r: To roll clerk: Is that marked female?

Roll clerk: No sir, marked ~~female~~ male here.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 223 #57 Jessie Foreman, Sequoyah District.

Com'r to roll clerk: Who is he with there on the roll of 1880?  
Roll clerk: He is with Tobbin and Walter Depy.

- Q Is that your brother, Walter? A Yes sir, he is dead.  
Q Who is there here now that knows you and knew your mother?  
A Several people back there, Mr. Bean.

DENNIS BEAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your full name? A Dennis Bean.  
Q How old are you? A About 42.  
Q What is your post-office? A Muldrow.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant, Mr. Jesse Foreman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know his mother? A Yes sir.  
Q She is dead now? A Yes sir.

Jesse Foreman 2

- Q What name did she go by? A She went by the name of Tabby Deberry.
- Q Did he have any brothers? A Yes sir.
- Q How many? A I ~~know~~ Had two. I think.
- Q What was the name of his older brother? A Walter.
- Q He was living in 1880 was he? A Yes sir.
- Q Who did you understand his father to be? A Harrison Foreman.
- Q But his mother always went by the name of ~~Deberry~~ Deberry.
- A Yes sir, her maiden name was Tabby Campbell, and she married a Deberry.
- Q Did he live all through his childhood with his mother or his father? A Lived with his mother.
- Q May have been enrolled under her name in 1880? A Yes sir, she enrolled them all when she lived.
- Q She wasn't regularly married to his father? A No sir.
- Q And the children lived with their mother? A Yes sir.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q How far did you live from this fellow? A I lived about five miles I guess.
- Q What is your post-office? A Mulrow.

Examined by Commissioner Breckinridge:

- Q Have you known him all his life? A Yes sir.

Applicant Jesse Foreman, re-called, and further examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W.Hastings:

- Q How much older was Walter than you? A I don't know how much.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I couldn't tell that. I reckon about ten years.
- Q Was he about grown when he died? A Yes sir, he was a bout a young man, about of age, and I was next to Walter and Zachariah was next to me.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; it is shown that he is enrolled in 1880 under the name of his mother, who was not regularly married to his father, and that he lived with his mother through his childhood; she is identified with him on the roll of 1880; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Su scribed and sworn to before me this April 19, 1901.

*W.W. Hastings*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

APR 18 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office Muldrow

District Seagovah

1. Name Jesse Foreman Age 25

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 691 No. 377 District Reg

Parents:

Father Harrison Foreman Citizenship Leal

Mother Tabbie Dewberry Citizenship Col

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3.  |      |      |     |       |
| 4.  |      |      |     |       |
| 5.  |      |      |     |       |
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| 11. |      |      |     |       |
| 12. |      |      |     |       |

Application made by Rev. V. Stenographer Green M. D.

(1) on 80 Roll. "Jesse Dewberry"

(1) on 96 Roll. 223 # 57 & 2.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ruth A. Chase for the enrollment of herself and two children; she being sworn by Commissioner, C. E. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Ruth A. Chase.  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Claremore.  
Q What district do you live in? A. I don't know—Cooweescoowee I reckon.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q That is all is it? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Always.  
Q What are the names of these children? A. Josh Sheppard.  
Q What is the name of your father? A. Josh Sheppard.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Betsy Sheppard.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A. About a month ago.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A. Eight or ten years.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of these children? A. Arthur Chase.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q Next child? A. Charles Hutchinson.  
Q How old? A. Five years.  
Q Are these children both living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A. Once.  
Q When were you married? A. In '87.  
Q To whom were you married? A. John Chase.  
Q Is he alive? A. No sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. Eight years I reckon.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q This Hutchinson child, he was born several years after John Chase died? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is that your child? A. Yes sir.  
Q Your natural child? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who is there here who knows you and knows that you have been married and knows that this is your child? A. Nose Ross and Nelse Lemper Lowrey.

NELSON LOWREY, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Nelson Lowrey.  
Q How old are you? A. 40.  
Q What is your post office? A. Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A. Ruth Ann Chase.  
Q How long have you known her? A. I have known her ever since she was a girl.  
Q Where is she living now? A. Last account I had of her she was living in Coffeyville.  
Q When was that? A. About two years ago.  
Q When did you see her the last time? A. Haven't seen her in four years.  
Q What time did she live in your country around Tahlequah? A. In '94 or '95.  
Q Was she married then? A. I don't know, she was living with a man but I don't know if they was married or not.  
Q Was she ever married that you knew of? A. Yes sir she was married to this young man Chase. I went at the wedding but I understood they



Ruth A. Chase 3.

was married.

Q She was married to a man named Chase then? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know if he is dead? A. Yes sir he is dead.

Q How long has he been dead? A. 8 or 9 years

Q Did they live together up to the time of his death? A. I don't know, some times they was living together and sometimes they was living apart. He was my nephew.

Q Was he dead before this woman left Tahlequah? A. Yes sir.

Q That was about '94 you say? A. Yes sir.

Q Where did she go then? A. Here to Fort Gibson and I don't know where else. She was out of my range.

Q How many children did she have in 1894 when you knew her? A. Two

Q Were they both Chase children? A. One was a Chase and one was a Hutchinson.

Q That was 6 or 7 years ago? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the names of these children? A. No sir I don't.

Q What was her name before she married Chase? A. Ruth Ann Sheppard.

By Commissioner of applicant:

Q Who else knows anything about you? A. Louis Daniels.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 816, No. 2319, Ruth Ann Sheppard, Tahlequah district

Q How old was he when he died, your husband? A. About 20.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 1306, No. 110, Ruth Ann Chase, Tahlequah district.

Page 1306, No. 111, Arthur Chase, Tahlequah district.

Page 1306, No. 108, Charles Chase, Tahlequah district.

Q How do you want this younger child enrolled, as Chase or Hutchinson  
A As Chase.

By Com'r Breckinridge,

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two children; she is identified on the roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and her change of name arising from her marriage is established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony, and she will be listed now for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her two children, Arthur and Charles Chase are now living and are duly identified on the roll of 1896. The latter child was first called by the applicant by the name of Hutchinson, but it appears that she was never married and to any one but her husband Chase, and the child is enrolled under the name of its mother, and she desires that it be so enrolled now. They will therefore be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, their names being given as Arthur and Charles Chase.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 19th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*A. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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APR 18 1901

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office BlairmoreDistrict Co

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Ruth a Chase Age 26

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 810 No. 2219 District Tah

Parents:

Father Josh Sheppard Citizenship Col D

Mother Betsy " " Citizenship Col D

Names of Children:

2 Arthur Chase Year 1896 Page 1306 No. 111 Dist. Tah 11

3 Charles Hutchinson Chase Year 1896 Page 1306 No. 108 Dist. " 5

5. " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. " " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by

no 11

Stenographer

Van Weise Chas

(1) a 80 Roll in "Ruth Ann Sheppard"

(1) "96" "1306 #110 Tah

(2) "96" "Arthur Chase

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Rich. A. Chace*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 10* 190*7*

Commissioner.

*JF*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*May 10 1905*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ruth A Chase  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Claremore (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter., and died on the 10 day of  
May 1904

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Marathon DISTRICT.

I, Ellen Mayberry, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Ft Gibson (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.; that I am  
a sister of Ruth A Chase  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Ruth A Chase died on the 10 day of  
May 1904

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must Be Two Witnesses.)

Watt J. Wagner Ellen Mayberry  
Swamyers mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May 1904

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of postoffice.) Ind. Ter.;  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ (Here insert name of deceased.) died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1904

Notary Public.

JOR

Cherokee F-550.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 17, 1905.

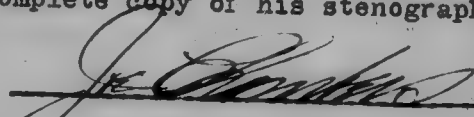
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In the matter of the application for the ~~enrollment~~ of  
enrollment of Ruth A. Chase and children, Arthur and Charles  
Chase, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-550.  
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ARTHUR CHASE, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Arthur Chase.  
Q How old are you? A About 16. I don't know just how old I  
am.  
Q What is your post-office? A Verdigris.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a younger brother named Charles Chase? A Yes sir.  
It's Charlie.  
Q Your mother named Ruth A? A Yes sir.  
Q She's dead is she? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She's been dead about 4 x  
years.  
Q Do you remember about how old you were before your mother  
died? A No sir. I don't remember about how old I was.  
Q Were you small when she died? A No sir. I wasn't so  
small.  
Q Do you remember about how high? A No sir.  
Q You are sure that she died more than a year ago? A Yes sir.  
Q You know it was longer than that do you? A Yes sir.  
Q On May 10, 1905, Ellen Mayberry, a sister of your mother,  
appeared before the Commission and made an affidavit as to  
her death in May, 1904. That's this month a year ago? Do  
you think she made a mistake? A Yes sir.  
Q You know she died more than a year ago do you? A I'm sure  
of that.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as steno-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he cor-  
rectly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above  
and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic  
notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 6th day of June, 1905.

  
Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 18th 1901,

In the matter of the application of Minnie Lang for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:-

- Q What is your name? A. Minnie Lang.  
Q How old are you? A. 30.  
Q What is your post office? A. Clatsmore.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. One child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Joseph Watie.  
Q Is your father living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Martha.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q You have been married? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A. In '88.  
Q To whom were you married? A. William L. Lang.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q He is not a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q You make no application for him? A. No sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where is it? A. Left it at home.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A. Martha Hill.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q This child living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is this your own natural child? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there someone here who knows of you? A. Yes sir.

MARTHA STARR, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Martha Starr.  
Q How old are you? A. 37.  
Q What is your post office? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Minnie Lang? A. Yes sir.  
Q She is married is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q To whom is she married? A. Will Lang.  
Q Has she ever been married before? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who to? A. Bud Hill.  
Q Only been married twice has she? A. Three times.  
Q Who was her other husband? A. Alfred Workman.  
Q Which one was her first husband? A. Bud Hill.  
Q Is he dead? A. I don't know..  
Q Is Alfred Workman dead? A. No sir.  
Q She parted from Alfred Workman did she? A. Yes sir.  
Q And she now lives with Will Lang? A. Yes sir.  
Q How many children has she? A. One.  
Q Whose child is that? A. Bud Hill's.  
Q A child of her first marriage? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:-  
Page 604, No. 2202, Minnie Watie, Illinois district.

The 1880 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicants identified hereon as follows:  
Page 488, No. 750, Minnie Watie, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 407, No 241, Martha Hill, Cooweescoowee district.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

Minnie Lang, 2.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, and one child; she is identified on the rolls of 1888 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, she had lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her child's change of name arising from her marriage is established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony; she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her child, Martha Hill, 11 years of age, is a child of her first marriage; this child is living, is duly identified on the roll of 1888 and will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Voise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Voise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 18th of April, 1901,  
at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*C. M. McKinnis*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INT  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901.

Post Office Claremore

District Co

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Minnie Lang Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 604 No. 2202 District Lelo

Parents:

Father Joseph Watie Citizenship Col

Mother Martha Watie Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

(2) Martha Hill Year 1896 Page 407 No. 241 Dist. Co 11

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Application made by No 17 Stenographer Van Weise Chas.

Copy (1) on 80 Roll as Minnie Watie  
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Commissioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

thereof.

Being a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the fore-  
grapher to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly  
Prince O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as aforesaid.

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will now be stated for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Stater has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, she  
identified on the roll of 1880, and it is believed that this  
referred to to have been married. Inasmuch as the mother is  
shown by the testimony of their mother in her case that  
testimony of her Stater, a female of name by marriage, she is  
Cherokee Nation all her life, in addition to the affidavit, a  
the Keams-Billion roll, and is said to have lived in the  
Her Stater, now known as Ella Givens, is identified on

Prima Martin - 3.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lucy Martin for the enrollment of herself and one sister as Cherokee Freedmen.

Lucy Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucy Martin.
- Q How old are you? A I am 22.
- Q What is your post office? A My post office now is at Wagoner but my home is here, I have been living in Wagoner about six months working there.
- Q Wagoner is where you would want any letters addressed to you?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q In what district do you call your home? A Fort Gibson, Illinois district.
- Q Do you want to enroll as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A I want to enroll my sister.
- Q Isn't your sister 21 years of age? A She is sick.
- Q How old is she? A She is about 20 years of age.
- Q How long has she been sick? A About two weeks, she has got the small pox.
- Q She is about 20 years of age? A Yes, sir, she is about 20.
- Q You only want to enroll then for yourself and your sister?
- A Yes, sir.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A My father's name is Ivo Barker.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah Nave; Sarah Watson is her name now.
- Q She is alive now? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has she been named Watson? A She has been named Watson about ten years.
- Q What was her name before that? A Sarah Nave.
- Q Did she Mary Nave after your father's death? A No, sir, she wasn't married to my father.
- Q Did she always go by the name of Nave before she was called Watson; she enrolled me as Nave on the rule.
- Q And you went by the name of Nave, did you? A Yes, sir.
- Q You have married, have you? A Yes, sir, I was married in 1897.
- Q To whom were you married? A John Martin.
- Q Is there anybody here who knows that you and he lived together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir, Henry Pack.

Henry Pack, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Henry Pack.
- Q How old are you? A 28 years old.
- Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.
- Q Do you know the applicant here, Lucy Martin? A I do.
- Q What was her name before she married? A Lucy Nave is all I ever known her to go by.
- Q What is the name of her husband? A John Martin.
- Q How long have they been married? A I can't tell you, I don't know.
- Q Do you know now she goes by the name of Martin? A Yes, sir.
- Q And is considered the wife of John Martin? A Yes, sir, they have parted, she was when they lived together.
- Q And that is the same woman you knew as Lucy Nave? A Yes, sir.



Lucy Martin - 2.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant not identified thereon.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 68, No. 1719, Illinois district, as Lucy Nave, or Watson.

Lucy Martin, being recalled, testified:

- Q What your mother a slave before the war? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did she belong? A The Naves, I don't know what else.  
Mr. W.W.Hastings, attorney for Cherokee Nation: Did your mother ever live in Saline district? A Yes, sir.  
Commissioner Breckinridge: Give me the name of your sister? A Her name is Keller Givens, she has been married.  
Q How old is your sister? A She is about 20 years old.  
Q Is she your full sister? A No, sir, she is my half sister.  
Q Your sister through your mother or through your father?  
A Through my mother? her name is Ella on the roll; her name is Ella but we call her Keller.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the mother of the applicants identified thereon, page 651, No. 783, Saline district, as Sarah M. Nave.

- Q Are you the oldest of your mother's children? A Yes, sir, I am the oldest one.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Ella Givens not identified thereon.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Ella Givens not identified thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll, page 68, No. 1720, Illinois district, examined, and the applicant Ella Givens identified thereon as Ella Nave, or Watson.

- Q When was your sister married? A She has been married about two years.

Q To whom is she married? A James Givens.

Q Was she ever married except to him? A No, sir.

Q Your sister has no children? A No, sir, she hasn't got any children.

Q Are she and her husband living together? A No, sir, she isn't living with him, she hasn't got any divorce from him.

Q She has parted from him? A Yes, sir.

Q Who here knows that your sister married this man Givens?

A I don't know that anybody knows it, they knows her.

Q Has your sister lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life?

A Yes, sir.

Q You think you are as much as 22 years of age? A Yes, sir, that is what my mother says.

Q Your mother says you are about 22 in her testimony, which is before me? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and her sister. She states that her sister has been married, but is not separated from her husband, and is unable to apply for herself because of an attack of small-pox. Under the circumstances, an application for the sister will be permitted at this time. The applicant is not identified on the roll of 1880, or on the roll of 1896, but she is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll, and her mother is identified on the roll of 1880 and has been enrolled on a straight card, Cherokee Freedman No. 373. The applicant states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, her change of name arising from marriage is established by her own and other personal testimony, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.



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Her sister, now known as Ella Givens, is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll, and is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. In addition to the applicant's testimony of her sister's change of name by marriage, she is shown by the testimony of their mother in her case just referred to to have been married. Inasmuch as the mother is identified on the roll of 1880, and it is believed that this sister has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones


Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

[Signature]  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

CHICKEN BREEDMEN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office WagonerDistrict Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Lucy Martin Age 22

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year KC Page 68 No. 1719 District Ill

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father Abe Irv. Barker Citizenship ColMother Sarah Watson (have) Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

(2) "Ella Givens" Year K.C. Page 68 No. 1720 Dist. Ill

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Application made by Roll Stenographer Jones B.C.(1) on K.C. Roll "Lucy Hare or Watson"(2) - K.C. Roll as "Ella Hare or Watson"

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Commissioner.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

File and compare transcripts of his statements and notes thereof.  
Proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and correct copy of the same as the same is recorded in the  
books of the Court, being duly sworn, says that he is a member of the

with the record now for enrollment as a Quaker's Register.  
is satisfied by her own and her sister's testimony, and the  
Kerns-Office, 1011. Her name of name is taken from marriage  
LITTLE BROWN

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lillie Brown for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Lillie Brown, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A Lillie Brown.  
Q How old are you? A 17.  
Q What is your post office? A Wagoner.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself, anybody? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Hugh Rogers.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah Nave.  
Q She is alive, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did you get the name of Brown; are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you married? A The 24th of last month.  
Q To whom were you married? A Richard Brown.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A Not with me I haven't.  
Q Is there anyone here who knows you are married? A I suppose there are, I don't know.  
Q Have you a sister here? A Yes, sir.  
Q She knows it, doesn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Lucy.

Lucy Martin, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lucy Martin.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post office? A Wagoner.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you a sister to the applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the present name of the applicant? A Lillie Brown.  
Q What was her name before she married? A Lillie Nave; her name was on the roll Lillie Watson or Nave.  
Q Was she the daughter of Sarah Nave? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did she marry? A the 24th of last month.  
Q To whom did she marry? A Richard Brown.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir, a state man.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant's mother identified thereon, page 651, No. 783, Saline district, as Sarah M. Nave.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant not identified thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton pay-roll examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 128 68, No. 1781, Illinois district, as Lillie Nave, or Watson.

Lillie Brown, recalled, testified:

- Q How does it happen that neither you or any of your family were put on the last census roll, taken in 1896; do you know anything about that? A No, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. She is too young to be on the roll of 1880, but her mother is identified on that roll. The applicant's name appears to have been omitted from the roll of 1896, but she is identified on the

Lillie Brown - 2.

Kerns-Clifton roll. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by her own and her sister's testimony, and she will be listed now for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

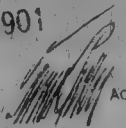
Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 18th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office Wagoner

District Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Lillie Brown Age 17

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year K.C. Page 68 No. 1721 District Ill

Parents:

Father Abt. Rogers Citizenship Cal

Mother Sarah Nave Citizenship Cal

Names of Children:

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Application made by No 11

Stenographer James B. C.

(1) on K.C. Roll as "Lillie Nave or Watson"

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Marie Brown

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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C. R. McInnis

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Marie Brown (Here insert name of child.) , born on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1901  
Name of Father: Richard Brown a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lillie Brown a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Wagoner, Ind. Ter.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lillie Brown, on oath state that I am 17  
years of age and a citizen, by blood, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Richard Brown, who is a citizen, by  
of the United States Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1901; that said child has been  
named Marie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1902  
My Comm. Ex. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1906 J. D. Coursey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District,

I, J. D. Lytle, a physician, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lillie Brown, wife of Richard Brown,  
on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Marie.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1902.  
My Comm. Ex. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1906. J. D. Coursey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Lipe for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Mary Lipe, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Mary Lipe.  
Q How old are you? A I am 62 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q How you live in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself, I am just a widow..  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always, born and bred in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you out of the Cherokee Nation during the war between the north and south? A I went north and came back.  
Q When did you come back from the north? A I came back when the delegates was going to Washington.  
Q What delegation was that? A Chief Ross' delegation.  
Q What were they going to Washington about? A I don't know, sir; but I left Fort Scott on Monday and they left Fort Scott on Sunday.  
Q Do you know what year that was in? A No, sir, I think that was the time that I came home, on the Sunday they preached Abraham Lincoln's funeral, and Monday I started.  
Q You came back here just after they preached the funeral of President Lincoln? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has your name been Lipe? A I can't tell you that, it was away in slave times since I was a slave.  
Q Your father and mother are both dead, are they? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled with any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 778, No. 1277, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 1316, No. 312, Tahlequah district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, except a brief absence during the war between the states. She is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman and will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of April, 1901.

*W. H. Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office TablequahDistrict Tablequah

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(11) Name of wife Mary LipeAge 62

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 778No. 1277District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by no (11)Stenographer Jones B. C.

(11) ~ 96 Roll 1316 # 312 Tahl:



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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, said that as aforementioned to

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and he will be listed and enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
He stated that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life  
listed on the rolls of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is duly iden-

nified, A No. 111.

Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled with any other tribe or  
district, as Benjamin Johnson?

A Applicant identified Johnson, page 1313, No. 324, testified  
the 1888 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the  
duly identified.

Q the applicant identified Johnson, page 1313, No. 1110, testified  
the 1880 unenrolled roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and  
How long has she been dead? A Something over a year.

Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of your mother. A Mary Johnson.

Q Is she dead?

A Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of your father. A Moses Johnson.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Just yourself? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you want to enroll myself besides yourself? A No, sir.

Q In what district do you live? A Tawadaw.

Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.

Q How old are you? A 32.

Q Give me your full name. A Ben Johnson.

Breckinridge: Identified as follows:

Ben Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Breckinridge as a Cherokee Freedman.

At the request of the application of Ben Johnson for the en-

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Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Department of the Interior.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Port Gibson, I.T., April 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Johnson for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman.

Ben Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ben Johnson.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your post office? A Port Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q Just yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Moses Johnson.  
Q Is he dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Johnson.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Something over a year.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon, page 772, No. 1110, Tahlequah district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 1313, No. 237, Tahlequah district, as Benjamin Johnson.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled with any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of April, 1901.

*W. M. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF TRANSACTIONS

CHEEBOKEE BLEEDMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office Fort GibsonDistrict Tahle1. Name Ben Johnson Age 25

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 772 No. 1110 District Tahle

Parents:

Father Mose Johnson Citizenship ColMother Mary Johnson Citizenship Col D

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by No 111Stenographer James BC(1) - 96 Roll 1313 # 237 Tahle

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 18, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the names of Georgie Anna, Ester Lee and Idella Johnson, minor children of Mollie Johnson a Creek Freedman and Benjamin F. Johnson, an alleged Cherokee Freedman, are contained in the partial schedule of new born freedmen (March 3, 1906) approved by the Secretary of the Interior, December 4, 1906, opposite roll numbers 716, 717 and 718.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Andy Carter for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.  
Andy Carter, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Andy Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah district.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many people; have you a wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll her, do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many children? A Three.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A 31 years.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Luke Carter.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Maria Carter.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Since September 4, 1900.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Florence Carter.  
Q How old is your wife? A 36 I believe.  
Q When were you and she married? A In 1896, we have been married six years last December.  
Q Is your wife a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Tom Gates.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Narcissa Gates; Dalton now.  
Q She is living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of marriage between yourself and your wife? A I have not.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Elvora Carter.  
Q How old is that child? A Five years old.  
Q Now give me the name of the next child? A Andy Carter.  
Q How old is he? A 3 years old.  
Q The next child? A William.  
Q How old is William? A One year old.  
Q These children are all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is there here that knows that you and your wife are married and living together as husband and wife; any of your neighbors around here? A Mr. Lowrey.

Nelson Lowrey, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Nelson Lowrey.  
Q How old are you? A 40.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Andy Carter? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him all his life.  
Q He is a married man, isn't he? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his wife's name? A Florence Gates was her maiden name.  
Q How long have they been living together? A Five or six years to the best of my knowledge.  
Q You know his wife Florence Gates? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was she the daughter of Tom and Narcissa? A Yes, sir.

Andy Carter, recalled, testified:

- Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life?



Andy Carter - 3.

A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Andy Carter on page 747, No. 518, Tahlequah district;

Florence Carter on page 748, No. 552, Tahlequah district, as Florence Gatis.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Andy Carter on page 1306, No. 100, Tahlequah district;

Florence Carter on page 1306, No. 161, Tahlequah district;

Elnora Carter on page 1306, No. 102, Tahlequah district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

His wife is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, she is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896, and on the latter roll as the applicants wife. Her change of name is established by personal testimony in addition to that of the applicant, and his wife, Florence Carter, will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The child Elnora, the eldest of the three children, is duly identified on the roll of 1896. This child is now living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of the birth of the two younger children, Andy and William, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of April, 1901.

*C. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INT.  
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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office TablequahDistrict Tablequah1. Name Andy CarterAge 31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 747No. 516District Tahl

Parents:

Father Luke CarterCitizenship ColMother MariaCitizenship Col2. Name of wife Florence CarterAge 26

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 748No. 552District Tahl

Parents:

Father Tom BatesCitizenship ColMother Narcissa DaltonCitizenship Col

Names of Children:

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| 4.  | <u>Andy</u>           | Year             | Page             | No.            | Dist.             | <u>3</u>   |
| 5.  | <u>William</u>        | Year             | Page             | No.            | Dist.             | <u>191</u> |
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Application made by no 11Stenographer Jones B. C.(1) 96 1306 # 100 Tahl(2) 80 as Florence Carter "Florence Bates"(2) 96 "1306 # 101 Tahl(4) Proof of Birth to be filed

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Audrey Carter*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE..

Nation.

Approved

*December 5th* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
Assistant Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Andy Carter, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Andy Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Florence Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Salequash, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District. }

I, Florence Carter, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Andy Carter, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 16 day of Oct, 1897 that said child has been  
named Andy Carter, and is now living

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Florence Carter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District. }

I, Barbra Ellen Starr, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Florence Carter, wife of Andy Carter,  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Oct, 1897 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Andy Carter  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Barbra Ellen Starr

Amey Kibb or Dick  
Sarah Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of Dec, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*William Carter*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of William Carter, born on the 4 day of January, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Andy Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Florence Carter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Tullahoma, TN

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District. }

I, Florence Carter, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Andy Carter, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 4 day of January, 1900 that said child has been  
named William Carter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

District. }

I, Barbra Ellen Starr, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Florence Carter, wife of Andy Carter,  
on the 4th day of January, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named William Carter.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of Sept, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 7th, 1901.To Mr. Andy Carter,  
Tablequah, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of William Carter, the son  
of Andy Carter and Florence Carter  
as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

  
Commissioner in Charge. Arthur Chalkman

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Mr. Andy Carter,  
Tahlequah,  
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Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Department of the Interior.

Subj: Names, as follows:

John Carter, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of David

and other tribe of nation, V No. sir.  
Q The year last September, did you, V Yes, sir.  
Q The mother, V Maria Carter, she is not living.  
Q Where he is alive, is not, V Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the father of these children, V John  
Q Where is your sister, V At the same school.  
Q Give me the name of your mother, V At the colored high school in Tulsa-  
Q They are both living now, V Yes, sir.  
Q How old is she, V About 18.  
Q Give me the name of your sister, V Maria Carter.  
Q How old is David, V 18.  
Q Give me the name of your mother, V David Carter.  
Q Does the father look after the family business at all, V No, sir.  
Q How long have they been married, V About or five years.  
Q Were the father and mother married when the mother died, V Yes, sir.  
Q Is their mother living, V Yes, sir.  
Q When are both under age, V Yes, sir.  
Q You went to school how long, V Brother and sister, V Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name, V Responding.  
Q What is your mother's name, V Responding.  
Q What is your name, V Yes, sir.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of David Carter and Mary Carter as Cherokee Freedmen.

Andy Carter, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Andy Carter.  
Q What is your age? A 51.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q What is your district? A Tahlequah.  
Q You want to apply now for a brother and sister? A Yes, sir.  
Q They are both under age? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is their mother dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is their father living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were the father and mother parted when the mother died? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have they been parted? A Four or five years.  
Q Does the father look after the family business at all? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your brother? A David Carter.  
Q How old is David? A 19.  
Q Give me the name of your sister? A Mary Carter.  
Q How old is she? A About 16.  
Q They are both living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is your brother? A At the colored high school in Tahlequah district.  
Q Where is your sister? A At the same school.  
Q Give me the name of the father of these children? A Luke Carter.  
Q Where he is alive, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q The mother? A Maria Carter, she is not living.  
Q She died last September, did she? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have never applied to have these children enrolled with any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the mother of applicants identified thereon, page 747, No. 515, Tahlequah district, as Mariah Carter.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon, with their mother, as follows:  
Maria Carter on page 1306, No. 92, Tahlequah district, as Mariah Carter;  
David Carter on page 1306, No. 95, Tahlequah district;  
Mary Carter on page 1306, No. 96, Tahlequah district.  
Q Have these children lived here all their lives? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of a minor brother and sister, who are under his charge, their mother being dead and the father and mother having separated some years ago. The deceased mother of these children is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. These children are identified on the roll of 1896 as Cherokee Freedmen, they are living, they have lived in the Cherokee Nation all their lives, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office .....

District .....

1. Name ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

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| 1.  | David Carter | Year 1896 | Page 1306 | No. 95 | Dist. Tahl | 19 |
| 2.  | Mary Carter  | Year 1896 | Page 1306 | No. 96 | Dist. "    | 16 |
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Application made by Andy Carter (Brother) Stenographer James B.C.



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Cherokee F-557.  
Allotment F-1401.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., July 29, 1905.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of David Carter and his sister, Mary Carter, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-557.

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ANDY CARTER, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public, and examined ~~by him~~ on behalf of the Commissioner testified as follows:----

- Q What is your name? A A dy Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 35.  
Q What is your post-office? A Hulbert.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a sister named Mary Carter? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she enrolled with a brother by the name of David Carter? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she married since she filed? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A Barnds.  
Q Full name? A I don't remember his initials.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Do you know when they were married? A Yes sir.  
Q When? A The first of January.  
Q What year? A 1905.  
Q Are they living together now? A Yes sir.

STATEMENT:

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. F-1401.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 1st day of August, 1905.

  
  
Notary Public.

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substantive identified person as follows:

the 1888 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the  
base VA. No. 814, identified quarter.

the mother of substantiated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and  
the 1880 substantiated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and

how old was your sister when she died, as near as you can give  
these she had married ever married? V No. 81.

Q Was this sister ever married? V No. 81.

Q She is dead? V Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of her mother, V Maria Carter.

Q He is alive? V Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of her father, V Pink Carter.

Q When did she die? V She has been dead about five or six years.

Q She is dead? V Yes, sir.

Q And is the mother of these children? V Joseph Carter, a

Q These children living now? V Yes, sir.

Q How old is your child? V A.

Q How the next child? V 12.

Q How old is your child? V 11 years old.

Q Give me their names, V John Carter.

Q How many children? V Two.

Q For what now to apply for the enrollment of some children who  
Q What is your address? V Identified quarter.

STATEMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE  
CIVIL

Commissioner of the Interior,  
Department of the Interior,  
Washington, D.C., April 18, 1891.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of John Carter and Fred Carter as Cherokee Freedmen.

Andy Carter, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Andy Carter.  
Q What is your age? A 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q What is your district? A Tahlequah district.  
Q You wish now to apply for the enrollment of some children who are orphans and living with you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many children? A Two.  
Q Give me their names? A John Carter.  
Q How old is that child? A 11 years old.  
Q How the next child? A Fred.  
Q How old is that child? A 7.  
Q These children living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is the mother of these children? A Rachel Carter, a sister of mine.  
Q She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did she die? A She has been dead about five or six years.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Luke Carter.  
Q He is alive, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Maria Carter.  
Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was this sister ever married? A No, sir.  
Q These are her natural children, are they? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old was your sister when she died, as near as you can give it? A About 29.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the mother of applicants, Rachel Carter, identified thereon, page 747, No. 517, Tahlequah district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
John Carter on page 1306, No. 98, Tahlequah district;  
Fred Carter on page 1306, No. 97, Tahlequah district, as Fredrick Carter.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of two children, children of a deceased sister, who are in his charge. They are both minors and are living now. They are duly identified on the roll of 1896, and their mother is identified on the roll of 1880. These children will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 18th of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office

Tablequah

District

Tablequah

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

1. John Carter Year 1896 Page 1306 No. 98 Dist. Table 112. Fred Carter Year 1896 Page 1306 No. 97 Dist. " 7

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

8. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

9. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

10. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

11. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by Andy Carter (Uncle) Stenographer James B. C.(2) on 96 Roll. "Fredrick Carter"

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Maria Keys for the enrollment of herself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Maria Keys, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Maria Keys.
- Q How old are you? A About 40 I guess.
- Q What is your post office? A Melvin.
- Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.
- Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A I have got six children.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All the time.
- Q All your life? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A His name was Will Lynch.
- Q Is he dead? A No, sir, he is living; my mother is dead.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lydia Tucker.
- Q She is alive, is she? A No, sir.
- Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A Thirty some odd years I guess.
- Q You have been married, have you? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many times have you been married? A I haven't been married many a time, I have lived with a man.
- Q You haven't been married at all? A No, sir.
- Q How long have you gone under the name of Keyes, all the time? A No, sir, I went by the name of Maria Musgrove.
- Q How long have you been known as Maria Keys? A 10 or 12 years.
- Q Before that were you known as Maria Musgrove? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you live with a man named Musgrove? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long did you and he live together? A Five or six years.
- Q Before that what were you called? A I went by the name of Maria Lynch before that.
- Q That was your father's name? A Yes, sir, my father's name.
- Q Are you on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the names of your children? A Mary Keys.
- Q How old is that child? A 17.
- Q Now give me the name of the next child? A Lou Keys.
- Q How old is that child? A She is 16.
- Q Give me the name of the next child? A Rosella Keys.
- Q How old is she? A 12.
- Q Give me the name of the next child? A Callie.
- Q How old is Callie? A She is 8 years old.
- Q Give me the name of the next child? A Annie Keys.
- Q How old is that child? A 4 years old.
- Q Now give me the name of the next child? A Bettie Keys.
- Q How old is Bettie? A 3 years old.
- Q They all go by the name of Keys? A Yes, sir.
- Q These children are all living now, are they? A Yes, sir.
- Q All living with you? A Yes, sir.
- The 1899 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Maria Keys identified thereon, page 783, No. 1456, Tahlequah district, as Maria Musgrove.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:
- Maria Keys on page 1317, No. 336, Tahlequah district, as Maria Musgrove;
- Mary Keys on page 1315, No. 383, Tahlequah district;
- Lou Keys on page 1315, No. 384, Tahlequah district.
- Rosella Keys on page 1315, No. 385, Tahlequah district, as Rosie Keys;
- Callie Keys on page 1315, No. 386, Tahlequah district, as Callie Keys.



Maria Keys- 3.

Q Is there anybody here who knows you and knows you through all your changes of name; have you any old neighbor through these people? A I will find somebody.

Columbus Lasley, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Columbus Lasley.  
Q How old are you? A 55.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Maria Keys? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name when she was a girl? A I don't know her name when she was a girl, but I know her name after she married.  
Q How long have you known her? A I have known her about 18 or 20 years.  
Q What was her name when you first knew her? A Maria Musgrove.  
Q And then she married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom did she marry after she lived with Musgrove? A George Keys.  
Q She goes now by the name of Keys, does she? A I think so.  
Q That is the way you know her now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does she live in your neighborhood? A She lives on 14-Mile Creek, about 14 or 15 miles from me.  
Q You have seen her from time to time? A Yes, sir.  
Q You know her husband Musgrove? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know her husband Keys? A Yes, sir.  
Q She has got a number of children, hasn't she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do they all go by the name of Keys? A I can't tell you that, I suppose they do.  
Q You don't know anything to the contrary? A No, sir.

Maria Keys, recalled, testified:

Q Your husband Keys, is he dead? A No, sir, he is married.  
Q You and he have parted? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his full name? A George Keys.  
Q You haven't applied to have these children enrolled in any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and six children. She is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her changes of name are established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the six children named in the testimony, the first four are duly identified on the roll of 1896, they are living, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth of the two younger children, Annie and Bettie Keys, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 26th of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INT  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office MelvinDistrict Tahl

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Maria Keys Age 40 about

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 783 No. 1436 District Tahl

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father William Lynch Citizenship ColMother Lydie Tucker Citizenship Col

## Names of Children:

|     |                           |           |           |         |            |    |
|-----|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------|------------|----|
| 2.  | Mary <del>Keys</del> Keys | Year 1896 | Page 1315 | No. 283 | Dist. Tahl | 17 |
| 3.  | Lon <del>Keys</del> "     | Year 1896 | Page 1315 | No. 284 | Dist. Tahl | 16 |
| 4.  | Rosella <del>Keys</del> " | Year 1896 | Page 1315 | No. 285 | Dist. Tahl | 12 |
| 6.  | Callie " "                | Year 1896 | Page 1315 | No. 286 | Dist. Tahl | 8  |
| 8.  | Annie " "                 | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      | 4  |
| 7.  | Bettie " "                | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      | 2  |
| 9.  |                           | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |
| 10. |                           | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |
| 11. |                           | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |
| 12. |                           | Year      | Page      | No.     | Dist.      |    |

Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer

Jones B. C.

(1) - 80 Roll "Mariah Musgrove"  
 (1) - 96 " 1317 # 336 Tahl }  
 (4) - 96 Roll. "Rosie Keys"  
 (6) Proof of Birth to be filed  
 (7) " " " " "

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. #559

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Annie Keys*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved APR 18 1901 190  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Annie Keys, born on the 15 day of April, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Maria Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melroe, IT

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Maria Keys, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Keys, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 15 day of April, 1897 that said child has been  
named Annie Keys, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. P. Blidson  
D. M. Windsor

Maria Keys  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

John Brady NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, (Midwife is dead) Lama Paris, Paris was present  
attended on Mrs. Maria Keys not the wife of George Keys,  
on the 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1897 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Annie Keys  
(male or female.)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. P. Blidson  
D. M. Windsor

Lama Paris  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

John Brady NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN #259

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Bettie D. Lee

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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*W. H. P.*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*W. H. P.*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Bettie Keys, born on the 26 day of August, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Maria Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, McMinn, TN

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Norman District.

I, Maria Keys, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Keys, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 26 day of August, 1899 that said child has been  
named Bettie Keys, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. M. Windsor  
Am Jones

Maria Keys  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Norman District.

I, Saura Parrie, on oath state that I  
~~was present at~~ wife of the birth Bettie Keys.  
on the 26 day of August, 1899 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Bettie Keys.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

D. M. Windsor  
Am Jones

Saura Parrie  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Arthur Dolan*

as a citizen of

*Canada*

Nation.

Approved

*M. J.*

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*Commissioner*DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Luther Dolin

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Luther Bolin, born on the 12 day of Feb, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Taylor Bolin a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lou Keyes a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Melvin S. D.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lou Keyes, on oath state that I am 15  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Taylor Bolin, who is a citizen,  
of the United States; that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 12 day of Feb, 1902 that said child has been  
named Luther Bolin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mariah Keyes, a midwife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lou Keyes, wife of Taylor Bolin  
on the 12 day of Feb, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Luther Bolin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1902

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Cherokee F-558.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I.R., December 22, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Maria Keys for the enrollment of herself, her children, Mary, Lou, Rosella, Callie, Annie and Bettie Keys and grand-son, Luther Bolin, as citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Lou Harrel, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lou Harrel.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Melvin.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Have you married since you enrolled? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Bud Harrel.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No.  
Q When were you married? A August 30, 1904.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes'm.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of december, 1904.

Samuel T. Tamm  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I.T., December 21, 1905.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Maria Keys and her children, Mary, Lou, Rosella, Callie, Annie and Bettie Keys, and her grandson Luther Bolin, as Freedmen Citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

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Rosella Eastman (enrolled as Rosella Keys), being first duly sworn by William P. Drew a Notary Public, and examined on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Rosella Eastman.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maria Keys.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a Freedman ~~and~~ Citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since application was made for your enrollment?  
A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Lee Eastman.  
Q Is he a Freedman Citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to him? A October 15th.  
Q What year? A 1905.  
Q A couple of months ago? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together at the present time? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of the mother of Lee Eastman? A Eliza Eastman.

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Ira S. Niles, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony in this case and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the  
21st day of December, 1905.

  
Notary Public.

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for having to be about the roll of 1860 but per deceased mother  
enrollment of a sister, a minor and an orphan. The sister is  
Comptroller Frederick: the applicant submits for the

Q You want the child enrolled as Henry? So you? A Yes, sir.  
questioned as Henry Sheppard.

Subject identified person. Date 1838. No. 184. Identified  
the 1838 census roll of Charles Freeman examined, and the  
date 1810. No. 331. Identified question.

The applicant, a mother, Betsey Sheppard, identified person.

Q The 1830 supplemented roll of Charles Freeman examined, and  
the 1830 people use to live in identified question? A Yes, sir.

Q And other type of person? A No, sir.

Q Has identification ever been made to have the name child enrolled  
Q As Betsey Sheppard a Charles Freeman? A Yes, sir.

Q How long has Betsey Sheppard been dead? A About ten years.  
Answer.

Q How long has John Sheppard been dead? A Since the end of Sep-

Q She is dead? Is she? A Yes, sir.

Q Give me the name of her mother? A Betsey Sheppard.

Q Is he living? A No, sir.

Q Give me the name of this child, a child? A John Sheppard.

Q Has she lived in the Charles Freeman office for 1838? A Yes, sir.

Q She is living now? Is she? A Yes, sir.

Q How old is she? A 12.

Q Is she a child? A Yes, sir.

Q What is her name? A Henry Sheppard.

Q You want to enroll a sister? So you? A Yes, sir.

Q And Charles Freeman is your question? A Yes, sir.

Q What is your best office? A Charles.

Q How old are you? A 38.

Q Give me your full name? A Henry Charles.

Frederick, settled as follows:

Q Now you have, being with you and examined by Comptroller  
enrollment of a Charles Freeman.

Q In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Henry

John Sheppard, I. L., dated 18, 1861.  
Comptroller to the five identified types.  
Department of the Interior.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Menty Sheppard as a Cherokee Freedman.

Ruth Anna Chase, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ruth Anna Chase.  
Q How old are you? A 26.  
Q What is your post office? A Claremore.  
Q And Cooweescoowee is your district? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll a sister, do you? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her name? A Menty Sheppard.  
Q Is she a full sister? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is she? A 15.  
Q She is living now, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of this child's father? A Josh Sheppard.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Betsy Sheppard.  
Q She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has Josh Sheppard been dead? A Since the 2nd of February.  
Q How long has Betsy Sheppard been dead? A About ten years.  
Q Was Betsy Sheppard a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has application ever been made to have this ~~man~~ child enrolled by any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Did your people use to live in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant's mother, Betsy Sheppard, identified thereon, page 310, No. 2217, Tahlequah district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 1323, No. 494, Tahlequah district, as Minta Sheppard.  
Q You want this child enrolled as Menty, do you? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of a sister, a minor and an orpha. The sister is too young to be upon the roll of 1880, but her deceased mother is identified on that roll. The sister, Menty Sheppard, has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, she is duly identified on the roll of 1896, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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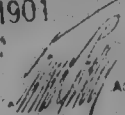
Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office Claremont

District Cov

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Owners name

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Application made by

Ruth A. Chase (sister)

Stenographer

Jones B. C.

(1) on 96 Rollas "Mintie Sheppard"

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Cherokee F-560

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., March 25, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Menty Sheppard for  
enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

MENTY CLARK, being sworn and examined by the Commission,  
testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Menty Clark.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Claremore.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you married? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Oby Clark.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No.  
Q When were you married? A About a month ago.  
Q Do you know the day? A Don't know.  
Q You were married in February, 1905? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes'm.

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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded  
the testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and  
complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of March, 1905.

Samuel Freeman  
Notary Public.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 20th of April, 1901.

Commissioner

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sylvia Thompson for the enrollment of herself, her husband and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Sylvia Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Sylvia Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir, 40 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois district.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My husband and two children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days, born and raised right here, don't know any other place than right here.  
Q What is the name of your father? A John Thornton.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Nancy Thornton, she is dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Been dead about 25 years.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A Been dead about 5 years in the fall.  
Q Give me the name of your husband? A Robin Thompson.  
Q How old is he? A I just don't know exactly; 38.  
Q Where is your husband? A He is in jail right now.  
Q How long has he been in jail? A Been there about four months.  
Q Where is he in jail? A Muskogee.  
Q He is awaiting trial, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you and he marry? A About 15 years ago.  
Q Were you ever married except to him? A No, sir.  
Q Was he ever married except to you? A Yes, sir, his first wife died.  
Q These two children are they both children of this marriage? A No, sir, there isn't but one his, the girl, and the boy is mine.  
Q One of them was born of this marriage? A Yes, sir, the by his first wife, the girl is by the first wife; the girl is his and the boy is mine.  
Q Who was his first wife? A Jennie Severs they called her.  
Q He was first married to Jennie Severs; was she a Cherokee Freedman? A I don't know.  
Q She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I don't know, sir, about 15 years I guess, or longer than that.  
Q Was she dead before you married your husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well she has been dead about 17 years; you say you have been married 16 years; is that about right? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Bertha.  
Q What is that child's name, Bertha Thompson? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is that your child? A That is his.  
Q How old is that child? A She is about 14.  
Q Well then that child's mother hasn't been dead 17 years? A I can't tell, I don't know exactly.  
Q Now give me the name of the next child? A Lone West, my boy.  
Q He isn't named Lone Thompson? A No, sir, Lone West.  
Q How old is Lone West? A About 15 I guess.  
Q Are these children both living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment to any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir, I had no right to, this is my home.  
Q And your husband, has he ever applied, for enrollment with any other tribe or nation? A No, sir, been here all of his days.

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Q All of you claim to be Cherokees only? A Yes, sir, and nothing else.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Sylvia Thompson on page 580, No. 1818, Illinois district, as Silvia Thornton.

Robin Thompson on page 580, No. 1814, Illinois district, as Robt. Thompson, Jr.

Q Did your husband have a boy named Joseph? A No, sir.

Q Do you know whether Jennie Severs was a citizen or not? A No, I don't know whether she was a citizen or not.

Q You never heard it claimed that she was a citizen? A No, sir. The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Sylvia Thompson on page 965, No. 621, Illinois district, as Silvia Thompson;

Robin Thompson on page 965, No. 620, Illinois district, as Robert Thompson, Sr.;

Bertha Thompson on page 965, No. 622, Illinois district. Lene West not on 1896 census roll.

Q Was this child Lene West living with you four years ago?

A Yes, sir, he is on that pay-roll over there.

The Kerns-Clifton-payroll examined, and the name of the applicant Lene West identified thereon, page 46, No. 1158, Illinois district, as Lowen Thompson.

Q Did you draw strip money in 1894? A Yes, sir, he drew the strip money.

Q Who here now knows that you and your husband live together as husband and wife? A This man.

John Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified:

Q Give me your full name? A John Thompson.

Q How old are you? A 45.

Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known him? A I have known her about 25 years.

Q Is she the wife of Robin Thompson? A Yes, sir.

Q Is his right name Robin or Robert? A His right name is Robin.

Q He is sometimes put down as Robert? A Yes, sir.

Q Who did she live with before she lived with Robin Thompson?

A With Ike West.

Q Has she any children of that union between her and West? A Yes, sir.

Q How many? A Two.

Q What are their names? A Eunice and Lene.

Q Is Eunice married? A No, sir, but I think she is over 21.

Q What was her name before she was West? A Thornton.

Q Was she a daughter of John and Nancy Thornton? A Yes, sir, that is where I first knew her at.

Q Do you know anything about Robert Thompson's first wife?

Q Why I know her, but I don't know anything about her; I knowed her mother too.

Q She wasn't a Cherokee Freedman? A I never heard of her being a Cherokee Freedman.

Q Do you know when she and Robin Thompson married? A I know about the time.

Q About how long ago? A It has been some 18 or 20 years.

Q She has been dead a good while, hasn't she? A Yes, sir, a good while.

Q How old would she be if she was living now? A She would be

Sylvia Thompson - 3.

55 or 56 years old.

Q Did she die very young? A Yes, sir.

Q Had she ever been married before she married Robin Thompson?

A Not that I ever heard of.

Q Had he ever been married before he married her? A No, sir, not that I know of.

Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was a little boy.

Q Have you known him intimately, known him all the time? A Yes, sir.

Q Lived in the same neighborhood? A Yes, sir, I lived right down here and he lived near Greenleaf; his father was my uncle.

Q And he is your cousin? A Yes, sir.

Q You have never known of his being married but to these two women?

A That is all.

Q What was the name of his first wife? A They called her Jennie Severs.

Q Were you personally acquainted with her? Were you present when they were married? A No, sir, I wasn't present.

Q Where were they married? A They said they were married in Port Gibson.

Q Did you hear of it at the time? A Yes, sir.

Q How long did they live together? A I can't say that, how long they lived together; a good while.

Q Did they live together until she died? A I think so; yes, sir, I know they did.

Q You never heard of there being any trouble between them? A No, sir, I didn't.

Sylvia Thompson, recalled, testified:

Q Has your husband lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life?

A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and two children. She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. Her change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Her husband is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He is said to be in jail at this time at Muskogee. He is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, but in order to consult the Court records, if desired by the Commission, the application for his enrollment will be listed upon a doubtful card.

The two children applied for are neither of them the children of the present marriage. The first, Bertha Thompson, is said to be the child of the applicant's husband by his first wife. This child is identified on the roll of 1896, and is living at this time. It is established in a satisfactory manner that at the time of the marriage of the father of this child's father with its mother, neither the father or mother had been previously married, and they appear to have lived together for some years, and until her death. This child will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The applicant's own child is identified on the Kerns-Clifton roll as Lona Thompson, the name borne by its mother at that time. Its correct name is Lona West, the applicant and the child's father having lived together previous to her marriage to her present husband. This child is now living, and its mother is only identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896, and the child will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.



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under the name of Louis Post.

Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 20th of April, 1901.

W. H. McArthur  
Commissioner



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J. 5-61.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901Post Office Fort GibsonDistrict Illinois1. Name Robin Thompson Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 590 No. 1914 District Ill.

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Sylvia Thompson Age 40

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 590 No. 1919 District Ill.

Parents:

Father John Thornton Citizenship col DMother Nancy " Citizenship col D

Names of Children:

2. Bertha Thompson Year 1896 Page 965 No. 622 Dist. Ill about #143. Lone West Year 1896 Page 46 No. 1155 Dist. Ill 13

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Application made by

no (2)

Stenographer

Jones B C{ (1) so "Robin Thompson Jr" }{ (1) 96 965 # 620 Ill }{ (1) so "Sylvia Thornton" }{ (1) 96 965 # 621 Ill }{ (1) on K.C. Roll Lowen Thompson }

C-F-561.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, I. T., August 2, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the application of Sylvia Thompson for the enrollment of herself and son, Lone West, and step-daughter, Bertha Thompson, as Freedman citizens of the Cherokee Nation; Cherokee Freedman straight card Field No. 561.

Statement by the Commission.

From information given the Commission this day, Lone West, son of the applicant in this case, is identified upon the 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, Page 955, #377, Illinois District, as Lone Mackey, appearing upon said roll with his half brothers and sisters.

  
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Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory,  
July 26, 1904.

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In the matter of the application of Sylvia Thompson for the enrollment of herself, her stepdaughter, Bertha Thompson, and her son, Lone Welch, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

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SYLVIA THOMPSON, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sylvia Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A About 50.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a stepdaughter named Bertha Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a son named Lone West? A Lone Welch is his right name; taint West but Welch.  
Q Who is the father of that child? A Isaac Welch.  
Q If we have that child down as Lone West then it is a mistake and should be Lone Welch? A Lone Welch, yes sir.  
Q The child lives with you, does it? A Yes sir.  
Q Does this child, Bertha, live with you? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she lived here all her life? A Yes sir.
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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is an accurate and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 26th day of July, 1904.

Notary Public.

Cherokee Freedman 561.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

TAHLEQUAH, I.T., DECEMBER 19, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Sylvia Thompson, for the enrollment of herself and step-child, Bertha Thompson, and child, Lone Welch, as Cherokee freedmen.

ROBIN THOMPSON, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSION.

- Q. What is your name? A. Robin Thompson.  
Q. How old are you? A. 45.  
Q. Post Office address? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you a daughter named Bertha Thompson? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is her age? A. Her age is about 19.  
Q. When is her birthday? A. It was last September. The 23rd.  
Q. September 23rd? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Was she 18 on her last birthday or 19? A. 19.  
Q. Who applied for the enrollment of that girl? A. Her step-mother, Sylvia Thompson.

Mildred S. Cummings, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly reported the testimony in the above entitled matter, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Mildred S. Cummings*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of December, 1904.

*J. H. [Signature]*  
Notary Public.

*Roll # 1411*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Silvia Thompson  
A CITIZEN OF THE

Cherokee

Nation

Approved

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Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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*Sylvia Thompson et al*

# Department of the Interior, COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Silvia Thompson

(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Cherokee

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Ft. Gibson

(Here insert name of post office)

Ind. Ter., and died on the

4th

day of

March 1906

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

State of Oklahoma

Muskogee County

I, Robin Thompson

, on oath state that I am

45

years of age and a citizen, by Freedman

, of the

Cherokee

Nation;

that my postoffice address is Ft. Gibson Okla.

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Ter.; that I am

The husband

(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)

of

Silvia Thompson, deceased

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Freedman

, of the

Cherokee

Nation

and that said Silvia Thompson

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the

4th

day of

March 1906

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

22nd

day of

August 1903

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My Commission expires Jan. 28, 1911.

*Robin Thompson*

*Andrew Hunt*  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

State of Oklahoma

Muskogee County

I, Mose Walker

, on oath state that I am

48

years of age, and a citizen by Freedman

of the

Cherokee

Nation;

that my postoffice address is Ft. Gibson Okla.

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with

Silvia Thompson, deceased

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Freedman

, of the

Cherokee

Nation;

and that said Silvia Thompson

(Here insert name of deceased)

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Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T.,  
May 8, 1903.

Asks if decision has been  
prepared in Cherokee F. D  
108. If not, shall it be for-  
warded to Gen. Office that  
case of Sylvia Thompson may  
be consolidated therewith.

CHIEF LAND OFFICE

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COMMISSIONERS  
TAMM BIXBY.  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.  
W. E. STANLEY

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee F-561.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 8, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Referring to the case of Sylvia Thompson for the enrollment of herself, her child Lone West, and her step-daughter Bertha Thompson, Cherokee F-561, it appears that the father of said Bertha Thompson, through whom she seems to get her rights, is on Cherokee F. D. Card 108, the record in which is at Muskogee.

This office wishes to be advised as to whether a decision has been prepared in Cherokee F. D. 108, and if not, is it desired that this case be forwarded to the Commission, so far as the application for the enrollment of Bertha Thompson is concerned, for the purpose of consolidating the same with that of her father?

Respectfully,

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

*Cherokee F-561*  
*Cherokee F-561*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee F-561  
Cherokee F. D-108

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 19, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of letter of May 8, in which it is requested that the Cherokee Land Office be advised whether or not a decision has been prepared in Cherokee freedman doubtful 108, Robin Thompson, and if not, whether Cherokee freedmen 561, Sylvia Thompson et al., should be forwarded to the Commission and consolidated with the former case.

A decision has been prepared in Cherokee freedman doubtful 108, but has not as yet received the signatures of the Commissioners, and it is requested that the record in Cherokee freedmen 561 be forwarded to this office at once, when the two cases will be consolidated in a decision.

Respectfully,

Chairman.

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Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I. T.,  
May 27, 1903.

Trans. record in case of Sylvia  
Thompson, et al.

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COMMISSIONERS  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee F-561.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 27, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith transmitted the record in the matter of the application of Sylvia Thompson et al., Cherokee F-561, for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen, in accordance with the Commission's letter of May 19, 1903, in order that the application, so far as it concerns Bertha Thompson, may be consolidated with that of her father, Robin Thompson, Cherokee F. D-108.

The other parties to this application have been placed upon the final roll, Nos. F-1411 and F-1412.

Respectfully,

C. R. Breckinridge

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee Freedmen  
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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 27, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Sir:

There is herewith returned the record in Cherokee freedmen 561, Sylvia Thompson et al., recently forwarded to the Commission in order that the applicant, Bertha Thompson, might be included in the Commission's decision as to her father, Robin Thompson, Cherokee Freedmen Card D-108.

Upon examination it is not considered necessary that a decision be prepared as to Bertha Thompson. Her father's name appears upon the 1880 authenticated roll and the Commission has already prepared a decision enrolling him. You are advised that the following note has been made upon the copy of Freedmen Card No. 561: "OK as to No. 2. 7/9/03. FPT."

Respectfully,

Enc. D-93

Commissioner in Charge.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory. August 5, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to schedule No. 2 of citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation, the Commission has the honor to report that the name of Lone West, appearing on that schedule opposite No. 1412, should appear as Lone Welch.

On July 26, 1904, Sylvia Thompson, the mother of the said child, appeared before the Commission and testified in connection with her application for the selection of an allotment for the said child, that its correct name was Lone Welch.

The Commission therefore respectfully recommends that the copies of this schedule retained by the Department and in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be corrected so that the name of No. 1412 will appear thereon as Lone Welch instead of Lone West

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and that the Commission be directed to make similar changes upon the copies of the schedule returned to it.

A copy of the testimony of Sylvia Thompson, above referred to, is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,

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Chairman,

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Commissioner,

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Commissioner.

Through the office of  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
Washington.

Aug. 30, 1904.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior,

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 5, 1904, from which it appears that the name opposite No. 1412, approved roll of citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation, should be changed from Lone West to Lone Welch. A copy of the testimony of Sylvia Thompson shows that the name of this citizen is Welch, and that he is the son of Isaac Welch.

I respectfully recommend that the correction suggested by the Commission be authorized.

Very respectfully,

(G.A.V.)P.

V. A. Jones,  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

J.E.

Washington.

ITD. 7024-1904.

September 13, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

August 5, 1904, the Commission reported that the name of Lone Vest appearing on schedule No. 2 "of citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation," should appear as Lone Welch, and recommend that correction be made on the several parts of said schedule accordingly.

Reporting August 30, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs concurs in this recommendation. A copy of his letter is inclosed herewith.

It is shown by copy of testimony transmitted with your report, that Sylvia Thompson and her son, Lone Welch (erroneously enrolled as Lone Vest), are Cherokee freedmen, and the names of Sylvia Thompson and Lone Vest appear on schedule No. 2 of Cherokee freedmen opposite numbers 1411 and 1412, respectively, the latter number corresponding with the one given in your letter. It is evident, therefore, that an error was made in your letter in designating the roll on which the name of Lone Vest appeared, as this name is not found at No. 1412 on the schedule of citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation.

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Authority is hereby granted for the Commission to correct schedule No. 2 of Cherokee freedmen, so that the name opposite No. 1412 shall be "Lone Welch", instead of "Lone Vest". Such correction has been noted on the copy of the schedule in this office, and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs requested to correct in the same respect the copy in his office.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan.  
Acting Secretary.

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Cherokee freedman  
No. 561

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 13, 1904.

Commissioner in Charge

Cherokee Land Office,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of Departmental letter of September 13, 1904, ( ITD 7024-1904), granting authority to correct the schedule of Cherokee Freedmen, so that the name of Lone West No. 1412, shall appear thereon as Lone Welch.

Correction has been made upon the copy of the schedule in this office and you are requested to change in the same particular the copy in your office.

Respectfully,

SIGNED. *Tame Bixby.*

Chairman.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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PORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Sanders for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, said Sanders being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Ben Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A I guess about 45.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you live in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Have you lived in the Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father is named Charles Wolford.  
Q Is he dead? A I don't know.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Jennie Sanders.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I don't know exactly.  
Q Well, can you tell me about how long; five years, six years, ten years? A About seven or eight years.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment to any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.

The 1890 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 804, #2028, Ben Sanders, Tahlequah District.  
The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 1322, #474, as Benjamin Sanders, Tahlequah District.  
COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1890 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Bosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 19th, 1901.

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- Q Give me your full name? A Ben Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A I guess about 45.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you live in Tahlequah district? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Have you lived in the Nation all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father is named Charles Wofford.  
Q Is he dead? A I don't know.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Jennie Sanders.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I don't know exactly.  
Q Well, can you tell me about how long; five years, six years, ten years? A About seven or eight years.  
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*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office TahlequahDistrict Tahlequah1. Name Ben SandersAge 45

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 804No. 2028District Tahle

Parents:

Father

Charles Wofford

Citizenship

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Mother

Jennie Sanders

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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7. J. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. ren, Mrs. Keatie and Jesse, they also will be listed for proper certificates of the birth of the three younger child-Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with roll of 1898 and they will be listed for enrollment as race and minors and now living, are duly identified on the three, Nancy, Rachel and William, all children of this marriage and minors and now living, are duly identified on the fact that the children named in the testimony the first on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by interview age. factually established. She will be listed for enrollment as her husband. It is considered, therefore, that a common community by him as his wife, or to have recognized him as with the father of that child, not to be held out to the prior to her marriage, but never to have lived regularly was previously married. She is said to have had a child in testimony. It further appears that neither she nor he timely of the applicant and other satisfactory personal years ago. The fact of marriage is established by the testimony.

His wife is shown to have married him some ten or eleven Freedman.

life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his ment of himself, his wife and six children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1898 as a Cherokee Freedman.

COMMISSIONER'S REPORT:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1898 as a Cherokee Freedman.

Page 411, #351, William Markham, Coowescoowee District.  
Page 411, #350, Ethel Markham, Coowescoowee District.  
Page 411, #349, Nannie Markham, Coowescoowee District.  
Page 311, #348, Big Markham, Coowescoowee District.

examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

The 1898 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon, page 554, #1155, Big Markham, Illinois District.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 554, #1155, Big Markham, Illinois District.

Q You knew your wife all the time?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she and the father of that child live in the same house?  
A No, sir.  
Q They didn't live together at all? A No, sir.

Big Markham, et al.--5.

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DOUBTFUL, as to Wife, Mary Markham:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 19th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sig Markham for the enrollment of himself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen, and for the enrollment of his wife, MARY MARKHAM, as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage; said Markham being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Sig Markham.  
Q How old are you? A About 38.  
Q What is your pest office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Got six children.  
Q Have you a wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to have her enrolled too? A No, she ain't no citizen.  
Q It has not been decided yet as to whether a person can be made a citizen by intermarriage; your wife may be a citizen by marriage for all you know; you had better apply for her? A Well, sir.  
Q So you will apply for yourself, wife and six children? (no response.)  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Since I can recollect.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Alex Markham.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He died before the war.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Violet.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About fifteen years.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Mary Markham.  
Q How old is your wife? A 26 years old.  
Q Is she the mother of all these children? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you marry her? A '91.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Henry Davis.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Fanny Davis.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Your wife does not claim the right to Cherokee citizenship herself? A No, sir.  
Q If she has any right it is only by intermarriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
Q Have you and she lived together ever since your marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Nan Markham.  
Q Nancy? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is that child? A She will be eleven years old the 21st of July.  
Q The next child? A Ethel.  
Q How old is Ethel? A She will be nine the 21st of October.  
Q The next child? A Will.  
Q William, how old is William? A He will be seven.  
Q The next child? A Myra.  
Q How old is Myra? A She will be five in December.  
Q The next child? A Nealie.  
Q How old is she? A She was two the 16th of last March.  
Q The next child? A It is two months, Jesse.  
Q Two months old? A Yes, sir.

Sig Markham, et al.--2.

Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir, every one of them.

Q Who is there here knows that you and your wife were married, living together; any of your neighbors? A None of them here.

Q Is there anybody here you knew? A Keyes might know me, he lives right there close.

JAMES M. KEYES, being sworn and examined as a witness, testified as follows:

Q Give your full name, please? A James M. Keyes.

Q How old are you? A 58 years.

Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.

Q You are one of the representatives here of the Cherokee Nation?

A I have been, yes, sir.

Q Are you acquainted with this applicant? A Yes, sir.

Q Do you know his wife, Mary? A Yes, sir.

Q How long have you known them? A I have known this boy about twenty years; known his wife about twelve or fourteen.

Q Was she known as Mary Davis before he married her? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you ever know him to be married except to this wife?

A I didn't know him to be lawfully married, I know them to live together as man and wife.

Q You mean that you don't know that this man and his wife were lawfully married? A No, sir; they lived together as man and wife.

Q Did this man ever live as husband and wife with any other woman?

A Not that I know of.

Q Did she ever live as husband and wife with any other man?

A I don't know that she did.

Q How long have they been living together? A They have been living together ten or twelve years.

Q That carried her back to when she was a very young girl?

A I don't know exactly, about eight or ten years.

Q As far as you know that is the first ~~man~~ ~~man~~ ~~man~~ man she has ever lived with? A I don't know as to that, I know that they have been living together ever since that.

Q Did you ever know of her living with any other man? A I don't know that she did.

Q She has lived in your neighborhood? A Yes, sir.

Q She never had the name of ever having taken up with any other man? A I am not sure as to whether there was a child born before they went to living together or not.

Q But did she ever keep house with any other man and stand in the community as his wife? A I don't know.

SIG MARKHAM, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q Your wife had a child born before you and she were married?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is that one of these children? A No, sir, I got six of mine, she has got one.

Q This child? Nancy? A That is mine, hers is named Fanny.

Q Did she ever live with the father of that child? A No, sir.

Q Never had any pretention of being married or anything of that kind? A No, sir.

Q How old is this child Fanny? A About thirteen years old.

Q Your wife never claimed the father of that child as a husband?

A No, sir.

Q Did she ever keep house with him? A Not as I knew of.

Q Were you living there some years before you and your wife married?

A Yes, sir.

Sig Markham, et al.--3.

- Q You knew your wife all the time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did she and the father of that child live in the same house?  
A No, sir.  
Q They didn't live together at all? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 554, #1155, Sig Markham, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

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Page 411, #349, Nannie Markham, Cooweescoowee District.  
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His wife is shown to have married him some ten or eleven years ago. The fact of marriage is established by the testimony of the applicant and other satisfactory personal testimony. It further appears that neither she nor he was previously married. She is said to have had a child prior to her marriage, but never to have lived regularly with the father of that child, not to be held out to the community by him as his wife, or to have recognized him as her husband. It is considered, therefore, that a common law marriage between the applicant and his wife is satisfactorily established. She will be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage.

Of the six children named in the testimony the first three, Nancy, Ethel and William, all children of this marriage and minors and now living, are duly identified on the roll of 1896 and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of the birth of the three younger children, Myra, Nealie and Jesse, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office ChotomDistrict Coo1. Name Sig Markham Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 554 No. 1155 District lll

Parents:

Father Alec MarkhamCitizenship ColMother Viola

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Nancy MarkhamYear 1896 Page 411 No. 349 Dist. Coo 113. EthelYear " Page 411 No. 350 Dist. Coo 94. WilliamYear " Page 411 No. 351 Dist. Coo 65. IngraYear \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 46. RealyYear \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 27. JesseYear \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 2 months

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Application made by RollStenographer Ross J. O.(1) - 96 Roll. 411 # 348 Coo

(2) - 96 Roll "Nannie Markham"

(5) Proof of Birth to be filed

(6) \_\_\_\_\_

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Myra Markham  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, April 29th

1901

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Myra Markham, born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sig Markham, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Markham, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Post-office, Chautauq, D.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Antheim District.

I, Mary Markham, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by interracial or W. S. Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sig Markham, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1896, that said child has been  
named Myra Markham, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blidsoe  
Mollie Thomas

Mary Markham  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. P. Blidsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Antheim District.

I, Jennie Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Markham, wife of Sig Markham  
on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Myra Markham.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Belle Blidsoe  
Mollie Thomas

Jennie Vann  
mark

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J. P. Blidsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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# 563

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Nealy Markham

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

April 29<sup>th</sup>

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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ATTEST: FREEDMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Nealy Markham born on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sig Markham, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Markham, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Post-office, Chouteau, I.T.

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

North District.

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## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Belle Blidson  
Mattie Thomas

Mary Markham  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. P. Blidson

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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(male or female)

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(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

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Mattie Thomas

Jennie Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

J. P. Blidson

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Esse Markham*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *April 22*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Jesse Markham, born on the 14 day of Feb, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sig Markham, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Markham, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
Post-office: Chautau, IT

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mary Markham, on oath state that I am 26  
years of age and a citizen, by intention W.S., of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sig Markham, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 14 day of Feb, 1901; that said child has been  
named Jesse Markham, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Belle Bledsoe Mary Markham  
Mattie Thomas mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Bledsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Jennie Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Markham, wife of Sig Markham,  
on the 14 day of Feb, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Jesse Markham.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Belle Bledsoe Jennie Vann  
Mattie Thomas mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Bledsoe

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His name is not found on record thereon.  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 9th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Porter for the enrollment of himself and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A John Porter.  
Q What is your age? A 57.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q What district do you live in? A Canadian.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A I have on one roll I think.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A No sir, I was in the Army.  
Q Whom do you apply to have enrolled besides yourself? A I got five children.  
Q A wife? A No, I aint married, we got divorced.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Earnest.  
Q How old is he? A 12 going on 13.  
Q The next child? A Douglas.  
Q How old is Douglas? A 9 going on 10.  
Q The next one? A Edna.  
Q How old is Edna? A She's 6 going on 7.  
Q The next one? A Five.  
Q What is its name? A Maud.  
Q The next child? A Willie.  
Q How old is Willie? A One year old.  
Q What is the mother's name of these children? A Nan Porter.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Andy Brewer.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Seine.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Nan Porter living? A Yes sir.  
Q She's your wife? A No sir.  
Q You divorced from her? A Yes sir.  
Q She's the mother of these children? A Yes sir.  
Q Where are these children living now? A With me in Muskogee.  
I am working there.  
Q In the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were they born? A Most of them was born in Gibson, two were born in Muskogee, one of them is dead.  
Q You say your name is not on the roll of 1880? A No sir, I was in the army twenty five years.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is not found of record thereon.

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- Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Watt Duncan.  
Q Was he a Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you at the begin ning of the war? A Here, right at Ft. Gibson.  
Q Where were you at the close of the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A Right here Fort Gibson.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes sir.  
Q Never out? A As a Soldier.  
Q After the war of the Confederacy? A During the war; I got my discharge.  
Q Where were you in 1880? A In the Army.  
Q United States Army? A Yes sir.  
Q Where at? A Fort Sill.  
Q Is that the reason your name is not on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Has your citizenship been denied by the Cherokee Nation? A Never has to me.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1896? A I had it enrolled, but it did never appear.  
Q Did you draw strip money? A No sir.  
Q Why? A I was a soldier I guess; I was discharged in 1886.  
Q You was here in '96 when the strip payment was made? A Yes, I was here when it was paid.  
Q Did you get your money? A No sir.  
Q Did you apply for it? A Yes sir.  
Q You were refused were you? A They put my name on and I never applied.  
Q You never applied for your money? A No sir.  
Q Did you draw strip money for these children? A Yes sir, all my children except two.  
Q You didn't draw for yourself? A No, sir.  
Q There must have been some reason why you didn't? A I never was disputed.

The 1896 census roll and the 1894 pay roll examined and the name of the applicant is not found of record thereon.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the children are not found of record thereon.

Examination by W. W. Hastings, representative of the Cherokee Nation-

- Q What do you claim your mother's name is? A Hannah Lasley.  
Q Now who owned you at the time the war broke out? A Watt Duncan.  
Q He swore five years ago that he sold you out before the war? A No sir, he never swore that. I know he never swore it either.  
Q Didn't he swear that he sold you to a citizen of the United States? A No sir, he didn't.  
Q You swear he never sold you? A No sir, he never sold me.  
Q He owned you until you were freed? A Yes sir.  
Q And were a resident of the Cherokee Nation at that time? A Yes sir.  
Q What do you claim your nickname was? A My birth name was Chalk.  
Q Where did Watt Duncan live before the war? A Park Hill.  
Q Was he a married man then? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his wife's name? A Lizzie, I believe.  
Q Did he have any children? A Yes sir.  
Q What were their names? A I disremember their names.  
Q Do you know any of their names? A I disremember their names.  
Q What kind of a house did he live in? A I don't know that.  
Q Did he have a spring or well? A A Spring.  
Q You were living there with him at the time the war broke out? A No sir.  
Q Where were you living? A I was at Fort Scott, Kas. riding horses. He gave me to a man ----  
Q How comes it that you weren't with him? A How comes it that I wasn't with him; he gave me away until I was 21 years old, but he never sold me.

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Q How do you know he didn't make the statement that he didn't sell you? A I was right here.

Q Were you present when he come in and made the statement? A My discharge was sufficient he said. He never needed a witness. You said it yourself.

Q Where did you say you come back to after the war? A I came here during the war, right here at Fort Gibson in '63.

Q Where were you in '65? A I was discharged in '65 at Ft. Leavenworth and came back here. I was here when the treaty was read.

Q When was it read? A In '66.

Q Where did you enlist? A In the Tenth Cavalry.

Q When were you discharged? A In 1866, in June.

Q Where? A Wyoming.

Q When were you married? A I was married in '88.

Q Where? A Right here in Gibson.

Q How long had you been in Kansas when the war broke out? A Never been in Kansas.

Q You said you were in Fort. Scott, Kansas? A Yes sir, I was riding horses.

Q How long had you been there? A About two months I guess, I was riding races for Gentry who lives in Missouri.

Q He was a white man? A Yes sir.

Q You hadn't been away from Watt Duncan more than two months? A I said I was riding races for Gentry.

Q How long had you been out of the Cherokee Nation that time? A Three years off and on; been to a place they call Ordenville, Mo.

Q Whom were you there with? A With Gentry, and down to Bert Smith.

Q He was a white man? A Yes sir.

Q And you were with him at the time the war broke out? A No sir, a man by the name of Johnson.

Q How did you change from Gentry to Johnson? A He bought him out.

Q You or the horses? A He bought the horses.

Q When do you claim that you left the Cherokee Nation before the war? A I left about in '59.

Q You left Watt Duncan's place at that time? A I guess it was about '59; yes sir, and still belonged to him that's what he told me; that is the reason I brought him here myself. You oughtn't to kick against me.

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Q You contend that you lived with Watt Duncan until '59? A I belonged to Watt Duncan until I was set free.

Q But didn't you say something to Mr. Hastings that you left Watt Duncan? A He hired me out to this man, Gentry.

Q You left in '59? A Yes sir, I was at Ft. Scott in '61 when the war broke out, and then we come right here to Ft. Gibson.

Q How long have you lived in the Creek Nation? A Never did live there, I am working for the government there.

Q Where is your family? A Haven't got any family.

Q Where are these children? A In Muskogee

Q You live in the Creek Nation. Who are the children living with? A Their mother in the Creek Nation.

Q You and the mother of these children are not living together? A No sir. I take care of them; I support them, the mother and them too.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 508, No. 81, Nannie Brewer, Illinois District.

Q How old is your wife now? A 33.

Q You don't apply for the enrollment of your wife? A No sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee

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Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is not found of record thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's wife and his three older children are identified thereon as follows:  
Page 43, No. 1066, Nannie Porter nee Brewer, Illinois Dist.  
Page 43, No. 1067, Ernest Porter, Illinois District.  
Page 43, No. 1068, Douglas Porter, Illinois District.  
Page 43, No. 1069, Edna Porter, Illinois District.

The Kerns-Clifton Roll examined for the applicant, and his name is not found of record thereon.

Examination by W. W. Hastings-

Q Your wife was living in the Creek Nation in 1896 when you applied here before? A No sir, we lived in Canadian District, Brushy Mountains.

Q Where was Maud born? A She was born over there in Canadian.

Q Where was the youngest born? A Born in Muskogee, and another one that's dead.

Q When you last lived with Mr. Duncan where did he live in '58 or '59 Commissioner- as you stated? A In Faint District.

The name of John Porter cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and the Clifton Pay Roll of 1894. He applies to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman. By reason of conflicting testimony and the protest of the Cherokee Nation, final judgment as to the enrollment of John Porter will be suspended and his name will be placed upon a doubtful card. He applies for the enrollment of his five children, averring that they are the children of Nan Porter, his wife, and the name of Nan Porter is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Nannie Brewer, her maiden name. Her name is found upon the Kerns-Clifton Roll of 1894, but not found upon the census roll of 1896. The names of his three oldest children are found upon the Kerns-Clifton Roll, but not found upon the census roll of 1896. He avers he has two younger children, Maud and Willie, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, nor any other roll in possession of this Commission. Consequently, the names of Earnest Porter, Douglas, Edna, Maud and Willie, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of Maud and Willie it will be necessary for him to file with this Commission satisfactory proof as to their births: their names not appearing upon any roll. Applicant presents a discharge from the United States Army.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

*W. W. Hastings*  
*W. W. Hastings*  
*W. W. Hastings*

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 9- 1901Post Office (Muscoy)District Canadian

1. Name John Porter Age 57  
 Owner's name Wm. D. Duncan Citizenship Cherokee  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Hannah Linsley Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     |                      |                |                |                 |                 |
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| 3.  | <u>Ernest Porter</u> | Year <u>KC</u> | Page <u>43</u> | No. <u>1067</u> | Dist. <u>12</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Douglas</u>       | Year           | Page <u>43</u> | No. <u>1068</u> | Dist. <u>10</u> |
| 5.  | <u>Edna</u>          | Year           | Page <u>43</u> | No. <u>1069</u> | Dist. <u>6</u>  |
| 6.  | <u>Maud</u>          | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist. <u>5</u>  |
| 7.  | <u>Willie</u>        | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist. <u>1</u>  |
| 8.  |                      | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist.           |
| 9.  |                      | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist.           |
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| 11. |                      | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist.           |
| 12. |                      | Year           | Page           | No.             | Dist.           |

Application made by

John Porter

Stenographer

Rothenberger(5) H. C. Porter "Edna Porter"

(6) Affidavit of Birth to be filed

(7) Affidavit of Birth to be filed

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN: # 207

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

~~Miller~~  
Parker

as a citizen of

Schenckee

Nation.

Approved

April 17 1901

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Willie Porter, born on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Porter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nan Porter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Muskogee, A. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northem District.

I, Nan Porter, on oath state that I am Thirty-two (32)  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Porter, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900; that said child has been  
named Willie Porter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

E. J. McArthur  
R. C. Gordon

Nan Porter

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My Com. expires July 5, 1903.

Ralph Phillips  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northem District.

I, Nancy Hudson, Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nan Porter, wife of John Porter,  
on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Willie Porter.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

E. J. McArthur  
R. C. Gordon

Nancy Hudson  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My Com. expires July 5, 1903.

Ralph Phillips  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 564  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

~~Grand~~  
~~William P. Jones~~

as a citizen of

~~Cherokee~~

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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~~Chairman~~

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mandy Porter born on the 3rd day of June, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Porter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Porter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Muskogee, Okla.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Northern District. }

I, Nancy Porter, on oath state that I am thirty-two (32)  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Porter, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 3rd day of June, 1896; that said child has been  
named Mandy Porter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Sybil M. H. G. H.  
R. E. Gordon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 1901.

My Com. expires July 6, 1903.  
Ralph Phillips

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

Northern District. }

I, Nancy Hudson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Porter, wife of John Porter,  
on the 3rd day of June, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Mandy Porter.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Sybil M. H. G. H.  
R. E. Gordon

Nancy X Hudson  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of April, 1901.

My Com. expires July 6, 1903.  
Ralph Phillips

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IN RE

THE DEATH OF

*Lauglass Porter*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* - Nation.

Approved

*January 12 1905*

*W. R. Burdick*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*January 13 - 1905*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Douglas Porter  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Muskogee, Ind. Ter., and died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Narr Porter, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Muskogee, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
mother of Douglas Porter,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Douglas Porter died on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of  
January, 1903. Narr Porter

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of December 1904.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK :

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1904.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nathan Melton for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Frances Melton, and his one child as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nathan Melton.  
Q How old are you? A 30 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Lillie Melton, my daughter.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you desire to enroll your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife and one child? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Frances.  
Q How old is she? A 35 years old.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Lillie.  
Q How old is Lillie? A Seven years old.  
Q What was your wife's father's name? A Jim Teel.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Annie Teel.  
Q She was a non citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you married to her? A Yes sir.  
Q Any proof of your marriage? A No sir.  
Q Who married you? A Preacher Landman.  
Q He living? A No sir, he got killed.  
Q Anybody here that you can prove your marriage by? A Yes sir.

Jerry Humphreys, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jerry Humphreys.  
Q How old are you? A 44.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Redland.  
Q You know Nathan Melton? A Yes sir.  
Q You know his wife? A He his present wife - yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A Frances.  
Q You know whether they were married or not? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you know? A I was at the wedding.  
Q When were they married? A I don't know exactly how long its been.  
Q Who married them? A Preacher by the name of Green.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir; it may be Landman.  
Q Is he living? A I don't know.  
Q Have they been living together continuously as man and wife?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q You are certain you were at the wedding and saw them married?  
A Yes sir, I was there.

Applicant recalled-

- Q Were you ever married before? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your wife's name? A Rosanna Ward.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever get a divorce from here? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Where did you get your divorce? A At Sequoyah Court House.

You will have to furnish a certificate of that divorce.

- Q Who was the mother of Lillie? A Rosanna.  
Q And your wife, Frances, is a non citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Nathan Melton.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Rosanna.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.



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Q What was your mother's name? A Rosanna.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 709, No. 837, Nathan Milton, Jr., Sequoyah Dist.

Q Did you ever have a child named Sallie? A No sir, Lillie seven years old.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant and his child are identified thereon as follows:

Page 1125, No. 102, Nathan Melton, Sequoyah District.

Page 1125, No. 103, Sallie Melton, Sequoyah District.

Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q You child, Lillie, living? A Yes sir.

The name of Nathan Melton is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he avers he was married to one Rosanna Ward, a non citizen, by whom he has one child named Lillie and the name of Lillie is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Sallie, and duly identified as the applicant. He avers he was divorced from his wife, Rosanna, a non citizen, and has since said divorce married one Frances Teel, a non citizen. Applicant applies for the enrollment of his present wife, Frances, as well as himself and his child. In order to complete the enrollment of his child, Lillie, it will be necessary for him to show satisfactory proof of his marriage to his ~~first~~ former wife, Rosanna; and also necessary for him to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of his divorce. If the divorce is proven, it will be sufficient evidence as to the marriage between himself and his former wife, Rosanna; and in order that his present wife, Florence, will be enrolled on a doubtful card, it will be necessary also to file proof of divorce from his former wife, Rosanna. Satisfactory proof has already been made as to his marriage to said Frances. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Nathan Melton and his child, Lillie, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The enrollment of his child, Lillie, depending upon satisfactory proof of divorce from his former wife. The name of his wife, Florence, will be placed upon a doubtful card awaiting decision of the Commission as to intermarriages between citizens and non citizens.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of April, 1901.

*E. J. Rotherberg*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 19, 1901*Post Office *Redland, S. C.*District *Sequentia*1. Name *Nathan Mutton*Age *36*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1890*Page *789*No. *807*District *Seq.*

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife *Frances Mutton*Age *25*

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father *James Paul*

Citizenship

Mother *Anna Paul*

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. *Lillie Mutton*Year *1896*Page *1125*No. *103*Dist. *Seq.**7*

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Application made by *No. 1*Stenographer *Chas. K. K. K.*1. On 1890 roll as *Nathan Mutton Jr.*1 " 1896 " Page *1125* - *\*102* *Seq.*2. On 1896 roll as *Same Mutton**Decree of divorce of No. 1 from former wife to be supplied.**X*

Cherokee Nation.  
Assistant Executive Secretary.

in said court in the May Term of said Court in the year 1904.  
Sedgewick District Cherokee Nation as part of the Cherokee Nation  
and correct copy taken from the record of said District Court of  
the Cherokee Nation do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and  
correct copy of the original as the same appears in the records of said  
District Court.

District Court of  
Sedgewick District  
Cherokee Nation

ACTING CHAIRMAN

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**Executive Office Cherokee Nation**

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necessarily aims to carry this intention into force and effect.

The clerk of the Court is ordered and directed to issue all the

and that she be restored to her former state of health and strength.

The report is hereby submitted to the Board of Directors.

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9th Case, Nathan Melton Vs Resan Melton.

Called and passed to 2nd calling

At the 2nd calling Breedlove & Bruton answer for the plaintiff.

Passed to 3rd calling. At the calling (It is decreed by the court,

( That upon default of the defendant she having failed to appear and answer at the 3rd calling of the case ) that the bonds of matrimony now existing between the plaintiff Nathan Melton and the def. Resan Melton be dissolved avinacula matrimonii and that Resan Melton is hereby awarded the care and custody of the minor child and that she be restored to her maiden name of Resan Ward and the clerk of the Court is ordered and directed to issue all the necessary writs to carry this judgement into force and effect.

W.N. Littlejohn, Circuit Judge  
M.J. C. C.N.

W.E. Whitsett, Clerk,

Sequoyah District C.N.

Executive Office Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah I.T.

I, B.W. Alberty, assistant Executive secretary of the Cherokee Nation do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy taken from the record of the Circuit Court of Sequoyah District Cherokee Nation as part of the proceedings had in said court at the May Term of said Court in the year 1894, said record is now filed in this office and is in my custody. Given under my hand and the seal of the Cherokee Nation this the 7th day of May 1901.

B. W. Alberty  
Assistant Executive secretary,  
Cherokee Nation.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Charles Henry*

is a citizen of

Nation

Approved

1902

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Clarence Kemp

as a citizen of

Charlotte

Nation.

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Clarence Kemp, born on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Alexander Kemp, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Christie Kemp, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Fork Gibson S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Christie Kemp, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Alexander Kemp, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901; that said child has been  
named Clarence Kemp, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Christie Kemp

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Cynthia Tucker, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Christie Kemp, wife of Alexander Kemp,  
on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Clarence Kemp.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Florence Rogers  
Edw. G. ...Cynthia Tucker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.



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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah V. Smith for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah V. Smith.  
Q What is your age? A 22.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q What is your father's name? A Eli Crossland.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Elmira.  
Q Are they living? A Yes sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Luther I. and Ethel Smith.  
Q How old is Luther I.? A Three years old.  
Q How old is Ethel? A One year old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Joe Smith.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 687, No. 253, Sarah Crossland, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1122, No. 28, Sarah Crossland, Sequoyah District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children both living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You don't apply for your husband? A No sir.

The name of Sarah V. Smith is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 by her maiden name Sarah Crossland; she avers she is married to one Joe Smith; by said Smith she has two children Luther I. and Ethel; the names of said children are not found upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after said roll was compiled, but she presents satisfactory proof of the births of the said children; she is duly identified according to page and number of the roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Sarah V. Smith and her two children, Luther I. and Ethel, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 19, 1961

Post Office

Redland S.C.

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1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Sarah Smith

Age 22

Owners name

Citizenship

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No.

253

District

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Parents:

Father

Eli Grosland - living

Citizenship

Mother

Phania

- living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

Luther J. Smith

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Application made by

Mrs. 1

Stenographer

C. K. Rothberger

1. On 1883 roll as Sarah Grosland

1 " 1876 " R 1122 - 28 - Leg

Nos 2 and 3 - Affidavits att.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 5-166

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ethel Smith

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved, APR 19 1901 190

*A. McKinnis*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ethel Smith (Here insert name of child), born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan, 1900  
Name of Father: Joe Smith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah V Smith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Red Land, D. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah V. Smith, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Smith, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan, 1900 that said child has been  
named Ethel Smith, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sarah V SmithSubscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, ;

Wm T Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosanna Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah V Smith, wife of Joe Smith,  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of Jan, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ethel Smith.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Rosanna X Melton  
Rosetta Melton  
Susie Humphers  
mark

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1901.Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.Wm T Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 566

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Elisha D Smith*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved,

APR 19 1901

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*C. McKinnis*

Commissioner.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Luther Isaac Smith, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joe Smith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah V Smith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Redland, Ar.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah V Smith, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Smith, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1898 that said child has been  
named Luther Isaac Smith, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK ?

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Sarah V SmithSubscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.Wm J Henry

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah V Smith, wife of Joe Smith,  
on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of Dec, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Luther Isaac Smith.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Rosetta Melton  
Suzie HumphersRosana X Melton  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Wm J Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee # 566  
Freedman

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Charlita Smith

as a citizen of

Nation.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Aurillia Smith, born on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Joseph Smith, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah V. Smith, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Redland Ind.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sarah V. Smith, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by adaption ( treaty 1866 ) of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph Smith, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901; that said child has been  
named Aurillia Smith, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

NORTHERN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1902

Eugene C. Bagwell  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Roseanna Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah V. Smith, wife of Joseph Smith  
on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Aurillia Smith.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

NORTHERN

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

18 day of April, 1902

Eugene C. Bagwell  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

C O P Y .

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 778      | 29634    | Wakes Step       |
| 966      | 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 967      | 2621     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 968      | 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 993      | 2687     | Lovely M. Moore  |
| 682      | 1924     | James M. Thomas  |
| 687      | 1935     | Ned Acorn        |
| 1002     | 2710     | Grover H. Morris |
| 1021     | 2772     | Allen Conley     |
| 1033     | 2818     | Mary Price       |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|----------|-----------------------|
| 1038     | 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 1059     | 2890     | David W. Hess         |
| 1063     | 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 1075     | 2943     | Theodore Quesenbury   |
| 1097     | 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 1111     | 3039     | Janana Taylor         |
| 1120     | 3066     | Nannie B. Barnes      |
| 1125     | 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 1134     | 3107     | George Hess           |
| 1138     | 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 1148     | 3154     | Julian L. Pickle      |
| 1168     | 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 1186     | 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 1197     | 3294     | Watie Dawton Palmer   |
| 1271     | 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 1281     | 3497     | May Akin              |
| 1297     | 3550     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 1302     | 3577     | Ernest M. Moton       |
| 1315     | 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 1340     | 3684     | Eliza Gough           |
| 1404     | 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 1418     | 26356    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 1428     | 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 1438     | 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 1438     | 3918     | Pellie Collier        |
| 1469     | 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 1548     | 4159     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 1567     | 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 1575     | 4216     | Neley Allison         |
| 1575     | 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 1606     | 4288     | Henry Ballard         |
| 1635     | 4365     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 1639     | 27321    | Sausa Duval           |
| 2261     | 5845     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 3070     | 7597     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 5832     | 13966    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 6006     | 14352    | Henry Sunday          |
| 6398     | 15314    | Jennie Odeleeda       |
| 6421     | 15379    | Emery H. Linder       |
| 6569     | 15737    | Susie H. Walker       |
| 7654     | 18045    | Claud Kump            |
| 8698     | 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 9455     | 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 9491     | 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 511      | 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 545      | 1365     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 548      | 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 566      | 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 612      | 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Sallisaw Star" both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Sallisaw Star" was on March 9, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration

of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-15.

G.H.L.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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C O P Y

August 23, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D. 616-1905), June 1 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 186 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and this office, and that he be authorized



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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this Office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. E. Leupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE.  
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.14720-1906.

August 29, 1906.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 59 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
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| 29634    | Wakee Step       |
| 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 2621     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 2687     | Lovely M. Moore. |

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| Bull No. | Name.                 |
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| 1824     | James M. Thomas       |
| 1938     | Ned Acorn             |
| 2710     | Grover R. Morris      |
| 2772     | Allen Conley          |
| 2818     | Mary Price            |
| 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 2890     | David W. Ross         |
| 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 2943     | Theodore Quisenberry  |
| 2986     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 3039     | Jamane Taylor         |
| 3066     | Vernie B. Barnes      |
| 3083     | William T. Vann       |
| 3107     | George Ross           |
| 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 3184     | Julian L. Hickie      |
| 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 3273     | William P. Whitsett   |
| 3294     | Watie Larton Palmer   |
| 3473     | Rauber Molinary       |
| 3497     | Ray Akin              |
| 3500     | Henry R. Benge        |
| 3577     | Ernest M. Walton      |
| 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 26356    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 3876     | Thomas Paulkner       |
| 3803     | Walker Russell        |
| 3918     | Polie Collier         |
| 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 4169     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 4216     | Noley Allison         |
| 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 4286     | Henry Ballard         |
| 4369     | Louisa McManahan      |
| 27321    | Sansa Duval           |
| 5846     | Clarence B. Lee       |
| 7597     | Robert T. Fields      |
| 13956    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 14362    | Henry Sunday          |
| 15314    | Jennie Oudelela       |
| 15379    | Emery E. Binder       |
| 15737    | Quale L. Walker       |
| 18048    | Clara Hays            |
| 20140    | Ed Kitt               |
| 21803    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 21866    | Daniel Garard         |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 1365     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 1540     | Wallace Payne.   |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

1 inclosure.

Assistant Secretary.

Cherokee F.  
566.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1906.

Sarah V. Smith,  
Foreman, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your daughter, Ethel Smith, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that her name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for her enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jerry Humphreys for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner F. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jerry Humphreys.  
Q How old are you? A 44.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Dick Humphreys.  
Q He living? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rose Melton.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and three children.  
Q Are you married? A I have been married.  
Q Your wife's not living? A Yes sir, she is here; she will register for herself.  
Q Are you living with her? A No sir, we are separated.  
Q What is her name? A Altha Humphreys.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Jerry Foreman.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Sookie, I believe.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she's dead.  
Q What are the names of your children? A The oldest one is Johnanna.  
Q How old is Johnanna? A 31.  
Q She must apply for herself? A She is sick. She wasn't able to get here that is what delayed me so long.

We will enroll her afterwards.

- Q The next one? A Susan.  
Q How old is Susan? A 19.  
Q Anymore? A Ida.  
Q How old is Ida? A 15.  
Q Is Altha Foreman the mother of these children? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 725, No. 1328, Jerry Umpherous, Sequoyah Dist.

- Q How old is your wife? A I don't know, she must be about 41 or 2 I reckon. They got her on the roll as Alice.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife is found on page 725, No. 1329, Alice Umpherous, Sequoyah Dist.

- Q Altha is the mother of these two children? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married at this time? A No sir, I aint married.  
Q Are you divorced from your former wife? A No sir, I never got no divorce.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

- Page 1127, No. 120, Jerry Umphry, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1127, No. 123, Susie Umphry, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1127, No. 124, Ida Umphry, Sequoyah District.

- Q Is Susan and Ida living? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

2- J. H.

The name of Jerry Humphreys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1898; he avers that his wife, Altha, is on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Alice; he is not living with her and does not apply for her enrollment, and the name of ALMA, his wife, is identified upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Alice; he avers he has two children by Altha, named Susan and Ida, and their names appear upon the census roll of 1898; they are all fully identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Jerry Humphreys and his two children, Susan and Ida, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1901.

*E. D. Robertson*  
*W. H. Humphreys*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 19, 1901

Post Office Redland CT

District 2

1. Name Jerry Humphrey Age 44

Owner's name J. P. P. Citizenship

Year 1896 Page 725 No. 1328 District 2

Parents:

Father Nick Humphrey - dead Citizenship

Mother Rosa Metton Lewis Citizenship

☒ Name of wife  Age

Owners name  Citizenship

Year  Page  No.  District

Parents:

Father  Citizenship

Mother  Citizenship

Names of Children:

|   | Year        | Page       | No.        | Dist.    |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Jerry Humphrey</u> | <u>1896</u> | <u>127</u> | <u>123</u> | <u>2</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Susie Humphrey</u> | <u>1896</u> | <u>127</u> | <u>123</u> | <u>2</u> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Ida</u>            | <u>1896</u> | <u>127</u> | <u>124</u> | <u>2</u> |
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Application made by Ida

Stenographer C. P. K. Heuberg

1. Susie Humphrey  
1 " 1896 " Page 127 No 120 - 2  
2 " 1896 " " Susie Humphrey

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Troy Huston

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

1902

Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE CHIEF OF BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Troy Huston, born on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Tom Huston not a Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susie Humphrey Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Forman I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Susie Humphrey, on oath state that I am Twenty  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am not married to Tom Huston not  
the lawful wife of Cherokee Nation; that a Male child was  
born to me on 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1902; that said child has been  
named Troy Huston, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Susie Humphrey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1902  
John J. Flickner  
My Commission expires

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosanna Melton Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susie Humphrey, wife of  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of February 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Troy Huston (male or female).

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

John J. Flickner  
Hermitta BranonRosanna Melton  
Mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12<sup>th</sup> day of June 1902  
John J. Flickner  
My Commission expires

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., March 2, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Jerry Humphrey for the enrollment of himself and children, Susie and Ida Humphrey, and grand-child, Troy Huston, as Cherokee Freedmen.

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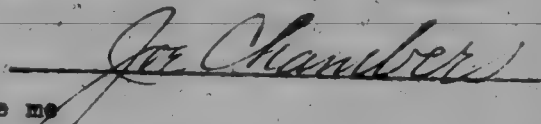
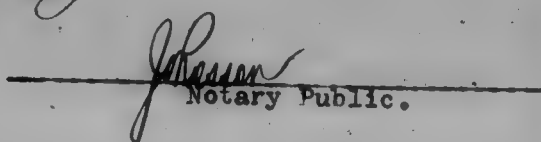
THOMAS HUSTON, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Thomas Huston.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office? A Foreman, I. T.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A She's named Susie Huston.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her father? A Jerry Humphrey.  
Q When were you married? A October.  
Q October when? A October 26.  
Q What year? A 1901.  
Q October 26 was it? A Yes sir, October 26.  
Q Are you living together now? A Yes sir, we are living together now.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 6th day of March, 1905.

  
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Notary Public.

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## RIBES

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jerry Humphreys for the enrollment of Johnanna Humphreys as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Com'r. - Applicant applies for the enrollment of Johnanna Humphreys.
- Q How old is Johnanna? A 21.
- Q What is her postoffice address? A Redland.
- Q What district does she live in? A Sequoyah.
- Q Did she ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?
- A No sir.
- Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Is she married? A No sir, she's not married.
- Q Why isn't she here herself? A She's sick, under the treatment of the doctor; she's not able to get out.
- Q On account of bodily infirmities it is impossible for her to come? A Yes sir.
- Q Is she living with you? A Yes sir.
- Q In your family? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 725, No. 1330, John A. Umpherous, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1127, No. 122, John Anna Umphry, Sequoyah District.

The name of Johnanna Humphreys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Johnanna A Umpherous and is duly identified as the applicant; her name is also found on the roll of 1896; she is not present, but makes satisfactory proof for her non-attendance as given in the testimony; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.



*B. J. 5-68*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 19, 1901  
 Post Office Redland, N. Y.  
 District Seq

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

17 Name of wife Johnnie Humphrey Age 21  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1870 Page 725 No. 1330 District Seq

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by J. J. Humphrey (father) Stenographer E. Rotherberg  
On 1870 roll as John A. Humphreys  
" 1896 " P. 1127 " 122 - Seq

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henrietta Brannon for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Henrietta Brannon.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q What is your father's name? A Eli Crossland.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Elmira Crossland.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Ophelia Brannon.  
Q How old is Ophelia? A She's 22 months old.  
Q What is the next child? A Arena.  
Q How old is Arena? A She's seven months old.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's father and mother are identified thereon as follows:

Page 687, No. 251, Isaac Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 687, No. 252, Elmira Crossland, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1122, No. 89, Henriette Crossland, Sequoyah District.

- Q Are these children living now at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Edgar Brannon.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q You don't apply for him? A No sir.

The name of Henrietta Brannon is found upon the census roll of 1896 by her maiden name Henriette Crossland; she avers she is the child of Eli and Elmira Crossland and their names appear upon the authenticated roll of 1880; her father's name appears as Isaac; she avers she has two children, Ophelia and Arena, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after same was compiled, but makes satisfactory proof of births of same. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Henrietta Brannon and her two children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 19, 1901  
 Post Office Redland S.C.  
 District Se

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Henrietta Brannon Age 19  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1896 Page 1122 No. 29 District Se

Parents:  
 Father Eli Crossland - Se Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Elmina " " Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 2. <u>Opheelia Brannon</u> | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |
| 3. <u>Arena</u>            | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |
| 5. _____                   | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |
| 6. _____                   | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |
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| 12. _____                  | Year _____ | Page _____ | No. _____ | Dist. _____ |

Application made by Henrietta Brannon Stenographer E. Stothenslager

M1 - An 1896 roll as Henrietta Crossland.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ophelia Brannon*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, April 19, 1901

*W. H. McMillan*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*W. H. McMillan*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ophelia Brannon on the 16 day of July, 1899  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Edgar Brannon citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Henrietta Brannon a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Redland, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, Henrietta Brannon do oath state that I am 18  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Edgar Brannon who is a citizen, by  
Marriage of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 16 day of July, 1899 that said child has been  
named Ophelia Brannon and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901  
My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Wm T. Henry

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

Rosanna Melton a midwife do oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Henrietta Brannon wife of Edgar Brannon  
on the 16 day of July, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Ophelia Brannon.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901  
My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Wm T. Henry

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*B.* **CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.** 569  
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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Arena Brannon*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, Apr. 19

1901

*A. H. H. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Arena Brannon, born on the 25 day of September, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Edgar Brannon, a citizen of the U. S. Nation,  
Name of Mother: Henrietta Brannon, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Redland S. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Henrietta Brannon, on oath state that I am 18  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Edgar Brannon, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 25 day of September, 1900 that said child has been  
named Arena Brannon, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Henrietta Brannon

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901  
My commission Expires 12, 1904.

Wm F. Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Rosanna Melton, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Henrietta Brannon wife of Edgar Brannon  
on the 25 day of September, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a female child, that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Arena Brannon.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rosanna X Melton  
Susie Humphres

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Wm F. Henry

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Mattie Bramon

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Mattie Branom, born on the 5th day of May 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Ed Branom, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Hemiella Branom, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Forman, I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Hemiella Branom, on oath state that I am twenty  
years of age and a citizen, by Birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Ed Branom, who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 5th day of May 1902; that said child has been  
named Mattie Branom, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12<sup>th</sup>day of June1902

John J. Flickner,  
My Commission expires November 21st, 1904.  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Rosauna Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Hemiella Branom, wife of Ed Branom  
on the 5th day of May 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Mattie Branom.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12<sup>th</sup>day of June1902

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Mark

John J. Flickner,  
My Commission expires November 21st, 1904.  
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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Arena Braman

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

Nov 21 1904

G. H. Buckingham

Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Arena Brammon  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Troeman, Ind. Ter., and died on the 26 day of  
February, 1 903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Hennetta Brammon, on oath state that I am 22  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Troeman, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
mother of Arena Brammon,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Arena Brammon died on the 26 day of  
February, 1 903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of Nov, 1904

Daniel Foreman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 1 \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Susan Campbell for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susan Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A 39.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q What is your father's name? A I was raised by a stepfather, Nathan Melton.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Bedanna.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Four children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Peggie Campbell.  
Q How old is she? A 16.  
Q The next child? A Octavia.  
Q How old is she? A 13.  
Q The next one? A Osa.  
Q How old is Osa? A 11.  
Q The next one? A Ora.  
Q How old is Ora? A 10.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A D. C. Campbell.  
Q He a citizen? A No sir.  
Q Are you the mother of these children? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 708, No. 832, Susa Milton, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1125, No. 95, Susan Melton, Sequoyah District.

- Q You were enrolled in 1896 as Melton, your name was Campbell in '96? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's children are found thereon as follows:

Page 1122, No. 21, Peggie Campbell, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 22, Octavo Campbell, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 23, Ossa Campbell, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 24, Ora Campbell, Sequoyah District.

- Q These children all alive and living with you at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q They are your children? A Yes sir.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

The name of Susan Campbell appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Susan Melton, her maiden name. She avers that she is married to one D. C. Campbell, a non citizen, and by him she has four children, Peggie, Octavia, Ossa and Ora, whose names appear upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Susan Campbell and her children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

A. S. O.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

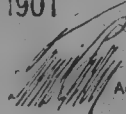
*E. J. Dehnbarger*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*W. H. Harrison*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 17, 1901  
 Post Office Redland S.C.  
 District Seg.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Susie Campbell Age 39

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1890 Page 708 No. 932 District Seg.

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother Rosanna Mutton Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 2   | <u>Eugene Campbell</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>122</u> | No. <u>21</u> | Dist. <u>Seg.</u> | <u>16</u> |
| 3   | <u>Octavia</u>         | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>122</u> | No. <u>22</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>13</u> |
| 4   | <u>Gsa</u>             | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>122</u> | No. <u>23</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>11</u> |
| 5   | <u>Gsa</u>             | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>122</u> | No. <u>24</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>16</u> |
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Application made by Miss Stenographer E. K. Rothberger

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3 " 1896 " as Octave Campbell  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 12, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Nathan Melton for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Rosanna Melton, as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nathan Melton.  
Q What is your age? A About 63.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to any other nation or tribe to be enrolled?  
A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Rosanna Melton.  
Q What is her age? A She's near about the same.  
Q She a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself and wife? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 708, No. 832, Nathan Milton, Sequoyah District.  
Page 708, No. 831, Rosa Milton, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon. The applicant's wife is identified thereon as follows: Page 1125, No. 93, Rosa Melton, Sequoyah District.

- Q Were you a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q Who did you belong to? A I was raised by John G. Gunter.  
Q Where were you during the war between the United States and the Confederacy? A In the South.  
Q What part of the south - in Texas? A In the Choctaw Country.  
Q When did you come back to the Cherokee Nation? A Come back in '66, in November, 22nd.  
Q Have you been living in the Cherokee Nation ever since? A Seen living here ever since.  
Q Is your wife living? A Yes sir.

By Attorney Bell, representative of the Cherokee Nation-

- Q Who did you belong to when the war begun? A A Choctaw by the name of La Flore before the war.

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- Q Who did you belong to at the close of the war? A To this Choctaw.  
Q Did you ever apply to the Choctaw Nation to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to the Dawes Commission to be enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Who did you belong to after you belonged to La Flore? A I didn't belong to anybody, that is after I left John Gunter's.  
Q Was John Gunter's a Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you belong to John Gunter before you belonged to La Flore?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Gunter sold you to La Flore? A No sir, he sold me to another man and he sold me to La Flore.

The name of Nathan Melton is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Nathan Milton; his name is not found upon the census roll of 1896; the name of his wife, Rosanna, is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Rosa, and is duly identified; he makes satisfactory proof of residence, both for himself and his wife, consequently Nathan Melton and his wife, Rosanna, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.



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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

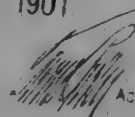
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*E. J. Rothberger*  
*W. H. McMillen*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 19, 1901

Post Office

Redland D.C.

District

Seq

1. Name

Nathan Milton

Age

63

Owner's name

Jas. Guter

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page 708

No.

830

District

Seq

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Rosanna Milton

Age

63

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No. 831

District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Jas. Guter

Stenographer

C. J. Rothberger

1. On 1880 file as Nathan Milton

2. On 1880 file as Rosa Milton

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Received from the Commission to the Free Church, To this copy of the testimony in the  
matter of the application of *Rev. Mr. McAllen*

for separation as

*Free & Co.*

of the Cherokee Nation.

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*Louis J. Brown*  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Altha Humphreys for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Altha Humphreys.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, going in my fortieth year.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Reelard.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir, born and raised here.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A No one, the children enrolled with their father.  
Q Are you married? A I am a widow; me and my husband separated.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Jerry Humphreys.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 735, No. 1329, Alice Umpherous, Sequoyah Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1127, No. 121, Alice Umphry, Sequoyah District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in it? A Yes sir.  
Q You apply for the enrollment of yourself only? A Yes sir.

The name of Altha Humphreys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896 as Alice Umpherous ( Umphry); she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 19, 1880  
 Post Office Redland S.C.  
 District 3rd

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Altha Humphrey Age 44  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 725 No. 1329 District Leg.

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Car 1880 Stenographer Althea Humphrey  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Dotson for the enrollment of herself, her husband, John Dotson, and her three minor children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Dotson.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your father's name? A Nathan Melton.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rosa Melton.  
Q She living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q What are their names? A John I. Dotson.  
Q How old is he? A Five years old.  
Q The next one? A Dewey.  
Q How old is Dewey? A Two years old.  
Q The next one? A Mathaniel, seven months.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Dotson.  
Q He a citizen? A No sir.  
Q How old is John Dotson? A 35.  
Q What is his postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q ~~Do you~~ You apply for him? A I don't know.

You better apply for him.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 709, No. 839, Mary Milton, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1185, No. 98, Mary Melton, Sequoyah District.

- Q When were you married to John Dotson? A In '95.  
Q Have you got any certificate of marriage? A No sir.  
Q Anybody here know whether you were married or not? A Yes sir, I think there is.

Isaac Crossland, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Isaac Crossland.  
Q What is your age? A 46.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Redland.  
Q You know Mary Dotson? A Yes sir.  
Q You know John Dotson? A Yes sir.  
Q You know whether they were married or not? A Yes sir.  
Q How do you know it? A I was at the wedding.  
Q Who married them? A A man by the name of Stevenson.  
Q He living? A Yes sir, the last I knew.  
Q ~~Are~~ Are they living together as man and wife now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have they been living together as man and wife ever since they were married? A Yes sir.

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- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q These children you mention here are your children - you are the mother? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you any proof of births made out? A Yes sir.

The name of Mary Dotson is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Mary Hilton, as well as upon the census roll of 1896; she avers and makes proof of her marriage to one John Dotson, a non citizen; she avers she has three children, John I., Dewey and Mathaniel, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after said roll was compiled; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Mary Dotson and her three children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. By reason of the non citizenship of her husband, John Dotson, final judgment as to his enrollment will be suspended, and his name will be placed upon a doubtful card.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

*E. J. Rothenberger*

*W. H. Keen*  
Commissioner.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

Age

Citizenship

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

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Application made by

Stenographer

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Mary Milton

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Affidavit of Birth

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Dewey D. Love

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

April 19<sup>th</sup>

1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Dewey Dotson, born on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1898  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Red Land P.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Dotson, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Dotson, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1898 that said child has been  
named Dewey Dotson, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Emma Winfield  
Rosetta Melton

Mary Dotson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1901

Wm. Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Dotson, wife of John Dotson,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Dewey Dotson.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Rosana Melton  
Emma Winfield  
Rosetta Melton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1901

Wm. Henry

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

John Ivory D. Ford

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, April 19<sup>th</sup> 1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of John Ivory Dotson, born on the 17 day of July, 1893  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Red Land, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mary Dotson, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Dotson, who is a citizen, by  
Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1893 that said child has been  
named John Ivory Dotson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rosetta Melton  
William McClellan

Mary Dotson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904

Wm T. Henry

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Dotson, wife of John Dotson,  
on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1893 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named John Ivory Dotson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rosetta Melton  
William McClellan

Rosana Melton  
more

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Nathaniel Dotson

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

April 19th

1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Nathaniel Dotson, born on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Dotson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Red Land, S.F.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Dotson, on oath state that I am 23  
years of age and a citizen, by birth, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Dotson, who is a citizen, by  
marriage, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1900; that said child has been  
named Nathaniel Dotson, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Emma Winfield Mary Dotson  
Rosetta Melton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

Wm. T. Henry  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Rosana Melton, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Dotson, wife of John Dotson,  
on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Sept, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Nathaniel Dotson.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Rosana Melton  
Emma Winfield  
Rosetta Melton

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of April, 1901.

My commission Expires Apr. 12, 1904.

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Q Now, the first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the second witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fourth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the tenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eleventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twelfth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the thirteenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fourteenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifteenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixteenth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the seventeenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighteenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the nineteenth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twentieth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the twenty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-second witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the twenty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the twenty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the twenty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirtieth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-second witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the thirty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the thirty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the thirty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fortieth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the forty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-second witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the forty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the forty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the forty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fiftieth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-second witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the fifty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the fifty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the fifty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixtieth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the sixty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-second witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the sixty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the sixty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the sixty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventieth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-second witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the seventy-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the seventy-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the seventy-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eightieth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the eighty-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-second witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the eighty-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-seventh witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the eighty-eighth witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the eighty-ninth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninetieth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninety-first witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninety-second witness, V. Yes sir.

Q Now, the ninety-third witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninety-fourth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninety-fifth witness, V. Yes sir.  
Q Now, the ninety-sixth witness, V. Yes sir.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rosetta Melton for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rosetta Melton.  
Q What is your age? A 32 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland, I.T.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A One child.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Augustus Ellis.  
Q How old is he? A 11 years old.  
Q Were you ever married? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your husband's name? A William Ellis.  
Q You living with him? A No sir.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A Yes sir.  
Q He the father of Augustus Ellis? A Yes sir.  
Q And when you procured your divorce you resumed your maiden name as Rosetta Melton? A Yes sir, Rosetta Melton.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 708, No. 836, Rosetta Milton, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 403, No. 149, Rosetta Ellis, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 403, No. 150, Augustus Ellis, Cooweescoowee Dist.

- Q Is Augustus living at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You're his mother? A Yes sir.

The name of Rosetta Melton is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Rosetta Milton, and is duly identified as the applicant; she avers she was married to one William Ellis from whom she is divorced, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Rosetta Ellis; she avers she has resumed her maiden name as Rosetta Melton; she aver she has by said William Ellis one child, Augustus Ellis, whose name is found upon the census roll of 1896; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901  
 Post Office Redland  
 District Seq.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Rosetta Melton Age 32

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 708 No. 836 District Seq.

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2 Augustus Ellis Year 1896 Page 403 No. 150 Dist. Coo - 11

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| 12. |      |      |     |       |

Application made by no (1)

Stenographer Rothberger E. G.

{ (1) 80 Roll Rosetta Melton  
 { 96 Roll 403 # 149 Coo - }



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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Isaac Crossland for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Elmira Crossland, and five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Isaac Crossland.  
Q What is your age? A 46.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Redland.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name appear upon the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my wife and children.  
Q How many children? A Five.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Elmira Crossland.  
Q How old is she? A She's about 44.  
Q Give me the names of your children - the oldest one under 21? A My oldest one is 17.  
Q What is his name? A Samuel Crossland.  
Q The next? A Rosanna.  
Q How old is Rosanna? A 15.  
Q The next one? A Elena.  
Q How old is Elena? A 14.  
Q The next one? A Leeta.  
Q How old is Leeta? A 11.  
Q The next? A Lincoln.  
Q How old is Lincoln? A 9.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and wife are found thereon as follows:

Page 687, No. 251, Isaac Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 687, No. 252, Elmira Crossland, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 1122, No. 26, Isaac Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 27, Elmira Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 30, Samuel Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 31, Rose A. Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 32, Elena Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 33, Leeta Crossland, Sequoyah District.  
Page 1122, No. 34, Lincoln Crossland, Sequoyah District.

- Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q These are your children by your wife, Elmira? A Yes sir.

The names of Isaac Crossland and his wife, Elmira, are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; the names of his children, Samuel, Rosanna, Elena, Leeta and Lincoln, are found upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified according to page and number of the said roll, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Isaac Crossland, his wife, Elmira, and his children as enumerated herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

2- I. C.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 1901.

*C. J. Ashenbarger*  
*W. H. Ashenbarger*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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W. H. H. CHAIRMAN.

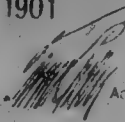


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7B. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR 576.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901

Post Office Foreman

District Seq.

1. Name Benjamin Foreman Age 26

Owner's name

Year 1880 Page 697 No. 522 District Seq.

Parents:

Father Jerry Foreman Citizenship Col

Mother Ellen Foreman Citizenship Col D

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father

Mother

Names of Children:

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| 12. |                   | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |

Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer R. M. L. &amp; G.

(1) a so Roll as "Benjamin Foreman"

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ACTING CHAIRMAN:

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Benjamin Foreman for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Benjamin Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A About 26.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Foreman, I. T.  
Q What district do you live in? A Sequoyah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Sylvester.  
Q How old is he? A Five years old.  
Q The name of the next child? A Etha.  
Q How old is Etha? A One year old the fifth of May.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Were you ever married? A No sir.  
Q Whose children are these? A A girl by the name of Maggie Harris.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No sir.  
Q She's the mother of these children? A Yes sir.  
Q You never were married to her? A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 697, No. 522, Benjamin Foreman, Sequoyah Dist.

- Q Were you enrolled in 1896? A Yes sir, but I didn't draw; but I drew in another fellow's name.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jerry Foreman.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Ellen, I don't recollect her.  
Q Is she living? A No sir, she died when I was a little boy.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q Was your name on the census roll before you drew money? A I guess so.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes sir.  
Q Living in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

The name of Benjamin Foreman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, and not found upon the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He applies for the enrollment of two children, Sylvester and Etha, Sylvester five years of age, and Etha one year old; he avers they are the children of one Maggie Harris, a non citizen, to whom he was never married, consequently the application for the enrollment of said children will be refused and they will be rejected.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 1901.  
*T. B. Needles* Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 24 1901.

In the matter of the application of Aaron Ross for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; the being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Aaron Ross.  
Q What is your age? A 38.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What? A All of these rolls.  
Q Have you ever applied to any other nation or tribe to be enrolled as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What tribe? A Eighty Roll.  
Q I said did you ever apply to any other nation - of the Cherokees, Choctaws, Creeks? A By the Cherokees.  
Q Did you ever apply to the Choctaws? A No sir.  
Q Creeks? A No sir.  
Q Cherokees? A Yes sir.  
Q Seminoles? A No sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A That's all.  
Q What is your father's name? A Ben Ross.  
Q He living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Edith.  
Q She living? A No sir.  
Q Are you a widower the husband of this woman who applied a few moments ago? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 799, No. 1852, Aaron Ross, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever go by any other names besides Aaron Ross? A No sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 88, No. 2225, Aaron Ross, No District given.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q You live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Mary Ross.  
Q You only apply for the enrollment of yourself? A Yes sir.

The name of Aaron Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office TahlDistrict Tahl1. Name Aaron Ross Age 28

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Year 1890 Page 799 No. 1852 District Tahl

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Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by Jo (1)Stenographer Rothenberg

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Dennis Bean for the enrollment of his mother ALSIE JOHNSON as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Dennis Bean.  
Q How old are you? A. 43.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Muldrow.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Sequoyah.  
Q For whom do you apply for enrollment at this time? A. My mother Alsie Johnson.  
Q How old is she? A. About 80 years old.  
Q What is her post office address? A. Muldrow.  
Q In what district does she live? A. Sequoyah.  
Q Do you apply for her enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other Tribe or Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Does her name appear on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows: Page 705, No. 680, Alsy Johnson, Sequoyah district.  
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The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1124, No 66, Alsy Johnson, Sequoyah district.

- Q What is the reason that your mother is not present to apply in person? A. She is old and infirm.  
Q By reason of her age and infirmities it is impossible for her to be here, is it? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir

By Com'r Needles-

The name of Alsie Johnson appears on the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th day of April, 1901,  
at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901

Post Office Muldrow

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Name of wife

Alsie Johnson

Age 80

Owners name

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Application made by Dennis Bean

Stenographer Van Weise

(1) - 80 Roll "Alsie Johnson"

(1) - 96 Roll 1124 # 66 Reg 3

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Alsie Johnson

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved October 25 1905.

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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COMMISSIONER.

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Alsie Johnson  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Muldrow, Ind. Ter., and died on the 26 day of  
August, 1905.  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Dennis Bean, on oath state that I am 45  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Roland, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the son of Alsie Johnson  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Alsie Johnson died on the 26 day of  
August, 1905.  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { Henry Pfeil

Dennis Bean  
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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August, 1905.

Simon R. Wallingford  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
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who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) {

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905.

Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ALFRED C. CHAMBERLAIN

These and correct transcripts of his stenographic notes therein.

subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th of April, 1901, at  
Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Dennis Bean for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn to by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Dennis Bean.  
Q How old are you? A. 42.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Muldrow.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Sequoyah.  
Q Do you make application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you desire to enroll anyone else besides yourself? A. Yes sir I have one boy.  
Q What is his name? A. Debbie William Bean.  
Q How old is he? A. 19.  
Q What is the name of his mother? A. Mary Hudson.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q Were you married to Mary Hudson? A. No sir.  
Q Did you live with her as your wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say she was not a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q How long did you live with Mary Hudson? A. About five years.  
Q Were you recognized in the community in which you lived as man and wife? A. I don't reckon I was.  
Q Were you ever married before you lived with her? A. No sir.  
Q Have you married since? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you married now? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your present wife's name? A. Sallie.  
Q Is she a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q Is your name on the 1880 roll as Bean? A. No sir as Johnson.  
Q What was your mother's name? A. Alsie Johnson.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q She registered you as Johnson, but your proper name is Bean? A. I went by the name of my father Bean but she has me put down as Johnson.  
Q Were your father and mother ever married? A. I don't know.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 703, No. 682, Dennis Johnson, Sequoyah district.  
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The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1124, No. 82, Debra Johnson, Sequoyah district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living there now? A. Yes sir.

By Cherokee Representative L. B. Ball,--

- Q How long did you and her live together? A. 4 or 5 years.  
Q Did you keep house together? A. Yes sir, she lived in the house with me.  
Q You took her home with you as your wife did you? A. She lived in the house with me.  
Q You took her home with you as your wife did you? A. She was living in the same house with me.  
Q But I ask did you take her there as your wife? A. There wasn't

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any one else there but me and her.

Q You took her there as your wife and introduced her to your friends as your wife, and held her out as your wife? A. They all knew how we was living.

By the Commission-

Q Was there any other woman living there with you then? A. No sir.

By L. B. Bell-

Q As a matter of fact you didn't consider her as your wife? A. May be I didn't.

ALBERT JOHNSON, called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Albert Johnson.

Q How old are you? A. 43.

Q What district do you live in? A. Sequoyah.

Q What's your post office? A. Benge.

Q Are you a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know Dennis Bean? A. Yes sir.

Q Did you know a woman named Mary Hudson with whom he was living with as his wife? A. I knowed a woman he was living with at that time

Q How long did he live with her? A. I cant tell.

Q About how long? A. A number of years.

Q Was there a child born to them while they were living together? A. Yes sir.

Q What is its name? A. They calls it Debbie.

Q Did the neighbors consider them to be living together as man and wife? A. I guess so, I never heard anything to the contrary.

Q Do you know whether or not they were married? A. I cant tell that

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Dennis Bean appears on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Dennis Johnson; he avers that he was registered by his mother, whose name was Johnson. He is duly identified thereon according to the page and number of the roll, and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence and is also identified on the census roll of 1896; consequently he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. EXHIBIT

He also applies for the enrollment of his child, Debbie William Bean who is 18 years of age. He avers that he is the son of Mary Hudson, with whom he was living, but acknowledges that he was never married to her. Testimony additional to his own is given as to his relationship with the mother of this child; the child's name is found on the census roll of 1896. By reason of the testimony, as to his not having married the said Mary Hudson who was a non-citizen, and also as to the testimony as to the relations existing between them, the name of the child Debbie William Bean will be placed on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the testimony in the above case, and that he foregoing is a full

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true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. M. Bean*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 10th of April, 1901, at  
Fort Gibson, I. T.


*W. McKinnon*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office MuldrowDistrict Seg1. Name Dennis BeanAge 42

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 703No. 682District Seg

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Oliver Johnson

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

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Names of Children:

Debbie WilliamsYear 96Page 1124No. #62Dist. Seg18

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Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer

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for the enrollment of this child, the child, Frances Grimmett, consideration of the testimony relating to the applicant's own, but to await proof of marriage, and for the applicant present, her, the applicant claims that the child is not whom application was made was born on January 25, of the year, been previously married; it appears that the child for time; it is not established whether the present wife was to present his marriage license and certificate of his blooded a license to marry his present wife, and his was free to contract his present marriage; he states that he therefore, in view of all the evidence, that the applicant good some 10 years ago; it is considered reasonably certain that wife, the mother of that child, is known to have been applicant's daughter by his first wife was enrolled, that his of Mary Hill, a sister of the applicant, in which he is examining the testimony in Cherokee Freedmen case 312, case filed his present wife; it is found upon examination that marriage, and that his former wife was dead before he married.

It appears that he was once married prior to his present life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee. He states that he was lived in the Cherokee Nation all his on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 as a Cherokee Freedman; for the enrollment of himself and one child; he is identified

Com'r. Blackman: The applicant applies

Q Well you are most as black as a hog, A yes sir.  
Q Don't you call yourself a full-blooded American, A well then the  
A not very tall me.  
Q You are quite different, A no sir, I am Cherokee blood, that's  
A the way he; they all say we are white.  
Q You think because then we have some other blood in here,  
A I don't say, but then white, other folks- you can tell white  
easier. She don't look like white folks to me; she may be white,  
Q Your wife is white isn't she, A I mean so; that's what they  
Q You believe that you are white, A yes sir.

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DOUBTFUL, as to child, Frances.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson I.T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ben Grinnett, for the enrollment of himself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ben Grinnett Jr.  
Q How old are you? A My mother died when I was awful small; I will have to make a guess at my age.  
Q Well make a guess? A About 48 I guess.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you live in Tahlequah District? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A I have got a child.  
Q Just yourself and your child? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been in the Cherokee Nation all my life.  
Q Lived here all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived anywhere else? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Ben Grinnett.  
Q Same name as yours? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your father dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Eliza.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A I couldn't say how long she has been dead.  
Q Well as near as you can come, has she been dead ten years?  
A Longer than that; when I was a boy.  
Q You are Ben Grinnett Jr then, because your father is living?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Frances.  
Q Boy or girl? A Girl.  
Q How old is the child? A Three months old.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Maggie.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A I don't know sir.  
Q Does she claim to be? A She said she was going to get her rights fixed just as quick as her peppa come.  
Q Is she on any roll? A I don't know for sure.  
Q How old is she? A 21.  
Q When did you and she marry? A I I am sort of forgetful; I put it down on a paper so I would know.  
(Produces paper and hands to Com'r.)  
Q November 26, 1900, is that right? A That's right.  
Q What was your wife's name when you married her? A Maggie Whitner.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Whitner.  
Q Full name? They always called him Whitner, that's all.  
Q Did they call him John or Bob? A Just Mr. Whitner.  
Q He is alive is he? A Yes sir. He was the last time I saw him.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Sarah I believe, if I aint mistaken.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes sir, she was alive the last time I saw her.  
Q Where does your wife's father live? A They was living on Fourteen Mile Creek on Grand River, but they are in the Choctaw Nation now.  
Q They are both in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Does your wife's father claim to be Choctaw? A Yes sir.  
Q Colored man? A No sir, mixed.  
Q Mixture of what? A Well I couldn't tell, darkey I reckon.  
Q Darkey and what else? A White I reckon; looks like it.  
Q Well her mother Sarah, what does she claim to be? A Well I

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never did hear her say.

Q Does she look like a colored woman? A I would call her look like one.

Q She is mixed is she? A Yes sir.

Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A No sir, not all her life.

Q Where has she lived? A Well they did live up on Fourteen Mile Creek a long time.

Q That is in the Cherokee Nation, Tahlequah District? A Yes sir.

Q Where was your wife born? A I don't know sir.

Q Does anybody here know that you and your wife have lived together as husband and wife? A Yes sir, Mr. Nave and Mr. Pack.

NELSON LOWREY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Nelson Lowrey.

Q How old are you? A 40.

Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.

Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes sir.

Q You know his wife? A Yes sir.

Q What was her name before she married him? A Sarah, I don't know what her surname was.

Q You know her father or mother? A I have saw them. I wasn't personally acquainted with them.

Q Was she named Sarah or her mother named Sarah? A I thought her name was Sarah.

Q How long did you know his wife before they were married? A I have seen her around Tahlequah two or three years I guess.

Q Did you ever hear her father called Whitner? A Yes sir.

Q Well now he doesn't give his wife's name Sarah, can't you think of some other name? A No sir, I can't. I just saw her riding his horse around there.

Q You don't know whether she was ever married before? A No sir.

Q You don't know much about the family? A No sir, only seen them passing around.

Q You know she and this man have lived together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.

Q So recognized by the community? A Yes sir.

Q How long have you known this applicant? A We was boys together.

Q How many times has he been married? A Twice.

Q Once before this? A Yes sir.

Q What was his first wife's name? A Mary Rogers I think.

Q When did he and Mary Rogers marry? A Sometime in 1887 or 1888, or some where along there.

Q Is Mary Rogers dead now? A No sir, she separated and the last time I heard of her she was in the Creek Nation or Choctaw Nation, I don't know which.

Q How long did they live together? A Four or five years.

Q And then separated? A Yes sir.

Q Are there any children of that marriage? A One.

Q Where is that child? A It's at Tahlequah.

Q The child of this man and Mary Rogers? A Yes sir, she is a young lady now; I guess her aunt enrolled her ~~the other day~~ here the other day.

Q What is her name, this Mary Rogers's child? A Mary Grinnett.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

Q This man's wife's people don't claim Cherokee citizenship?

A Not as I know of.

Q She is a white woman aint she? A Yes sir.

Examined by Commissioner Breckinridge:

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Q You think his present wife is a white woman? A Yes sir, she has always passed for that there.

Q Claim that do they? A Yes sir.

APPLICANT, BEN GRINNETT, JR., re-called, and further examined  
By Commissioner Breckinridge:

Q When did you marry your first wife? A That has been a long time ago; I couldn't exactly tell.

Q What was her given name? A Her right name was Fannie.

Q Aint your sister named Mary? A Yes sir.

Q What is her full name now, Mary what? A Mary Hill now.

Q How long did you and your wife, Fannie, live together? A We lived together about four or five years.

Q And then you parted? A Yes sir, never parted, she went off; we was on Grand River and she come down here to court down here at this building.

Q Well did she go out of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.

Q Where is she now? A She is dead.

Q How do you know she is dead? A That's what her folks told me, that she is dead; her mother.

Q How long has she been dead? A About ten years. I reckon, I can't exactly say.

Q You were never married except to these two women? A No sir.

Q You know whether your present wife was ever married or not except to you? A No sir, I don't.

Q Did you get out a license when you married this present wife, Maggie? A Yes sir.

Q Where did you get it? A At Tahlequah.

Q Have you got that with you? A No sir, the preacher married us and he turned around and said he would have to keep them and send them to Muskogee and the returns haven't come yet.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the same as follows:  
page 762 #826 Benj. Grinnett, Tahlequah Dist, adopted colored;  
1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified the same as follows:  
page 1309 #164 Benjamin Grinnett, Tahlequah District.

Examined by Cherokee Representative, W.W. Hastings:

Q How long did you know your wife before you married her? A About a year, little over.

Q Where was she living? A Down on the Fourteen Mile Creek.

Q About how far from your home? A About five miles.

Q More than five miles to Fourteen Mile Creek from Tahlequah?

A Living on the George Bengo ~~xxxx~~ place below the Triplett place.

Examined by Commissioner Breckinridge:

Q Where is your wife now? A She is at home.

Q Had you and she ever taken up as husband and wife before the preacher married you? A No sir.

Q Nothing of the kind? A No sir.

Q You had never lived with her at all? A Yes sir.

Q This child was born very soon after your marriage; do you know who is the father of this child? A Well, that's the reason why I married her.

Q Do you claim to be the father of this child? A Yes sir, that's what she says.

Q What do you say though? A Yes sir, I say so.

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- Q You believe that you are? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife is white isn't she? A I guess so; that's what they all say. She don't look like white folks to me; she may be white, I can't say, but then white folks looks- you can tell white folks when you see them.  
Q You think Maggie then has got some other blood in her?  
A She may be; they all say she is white.  
Q You are pure african? A No sir, I am Cherokee blood, that's what they tell me.  
Q Don't you call yourself a full-blood African? A Well they are as black as a pot.  
Q Well you are most as black as a pot? A Yes sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and one child; he is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

It appears that he was once married prior to his present marriage, and that his former wife was dead before he married his present wife; it is found upon ~~examining~~ examining the testimony in Cherokee Freedman case 215, case of Mary Hill, a sister of the applicant, in which the applicant's daughter by his first wife was enrolled, that his first wife, the mother of that child, is shown to have been dead some 10 years ago; it is considered reasonably certain therefore, in view of all the evidence, that the applicant was free to contract the present marriage; he states that he procured a license to marry his present wife, and that they were married on the 26th of November, 1900; he is unable to present his marriage license and certificate at this time; it is not established whether his present wife has ever been previously married; it appears that the child for whom application was made was born on January 5th, of the present year; the applicant claims that the child is his own, but to await proof of marriage, and for the further consideration of the testimony relating to the application for the enrollment of this child, the child, Frances Grinnett, will be placed upon a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman, and the applicant is required to supply the Commission with a certificate of its birth.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 20, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 19-1901*Post Office *Tahlequah*District *Tah.*1. Name *Benjamin Grummett Jr.* Age *48*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *762* No. *826* District *Tah.*

Parents:

Father *Benj. Grummett* *alive* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother *Eliza* *dead* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by *(he)*Stenographer *M. D. Green*

#1 on 1880 Roll on Benj. Grummett

#1 on 1896 roll Page 1309 No. 164 Tah Dist.



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In the matter of the application of Lottie Vann for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen: She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lottie Vann.
- Q How old are you? A 53.
- Q What is your post office address? A Kellam.
- Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A No sir.
- Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.
- Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A Two children.
- Q What are their names? A Blahop Vann.
- Q How old is she? A 18.
- Q Next? A Hettie.
- Q How old is she? 16.
- Q Are you married? A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows: Page 588, No. 2022, Lottie Vann, Illinois district.

The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and her children identified thereon as follows: Page 1236, No. 578, Lottie Vann, Tahlequah district. Page 1236, No. 579, Blahop Vann, Tahlequah district. Page 1236, No. 580, Hettie Vann, Tahlequah district.

- Q Are these children alive now? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles:-

The name of Lottie Vann is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1886. She applies for herself and two children, Blahop and Hettie Vann, and their names are found on the census roll of 1886. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weizae, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., April, 20th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lettie Vann for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen: She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Lettie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 58.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q What are their names? A. Bishop Vann.  
Q How old is she? A. 18.  
Q Next? A. Nettie.  
Q How old is she? 16.  
Q Are you married? A. No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 598, No. 2935, Lettie Vann, Illinois district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and her children identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1526, No. 578, Lettie Vann, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1526, No. 579, Bishop Vann, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1526, No. 580, Nettie Vann, Tahlequah district.

- Q Are these children alive now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles, -

The name of Lettie Vann is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896. She applies for herself and two children, Bishop and Nettie Vann, and their names are found on the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 19, 1901*Post Office *Melvin*District *Tall*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife *Lottie Vann* Age *55*

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1877* Page *598* No. *2083* District *Tall*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by *No. 1*Stenographer *John Van Winkle**1 Oct 1896, roll, P. 1326 \* 578 — Tall*

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Lottie Vunn*

a citizen of the  
State of Iowa

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved *May 6* 1905

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

In the matter of the death of Lattie Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin Ind. Ter., and died on the 29 day of  
April, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

**AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, James Vann, on oath state that I am 44  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Ft Gibson Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
a son of Lattie Vann  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Lattie Vann died on the 29 day of  
April, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

**WITNESSES TO MARK:**

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of March, 1905

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Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

**WITNESSES TO MARK:**

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1905

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Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's name not found thereon.

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Q Now say your wife's maiden name was Carrie Lowe?  
A And was it that she was married to the first Thomas Lowe?  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q And she is the mother of Ross Lowe? A Yes sir.  
Q Is Ross Lowe living now? A Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles--  
The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself as an inter-married Cherokee Freedman, and for the enrollment of his wife and his wife's child, Ross Lowe, as Cherokee Freedman. The name of his wife Carrie is found on the authenticated roll of 1890 by her maiden name of Carrie Lowe, and on the census roll of 1890 by her present name of Carrie Lowe, she having been married to the applicant in 1892. The applicant avers that she was formerly married to one Joe Lowe, now deceased, and that by said marriage to him she had one child, Ross Lowe, 10 years of age and the name of Ross Lowe is found on the census roll of 1890.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A 25 years.  
Q Has your wife and her child always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.

( Judgment continued )

The applicant makes satisfactory proof as to the residence of himself, wife and step child, consequently the said Carrie Lowe, wife of applicant, and also the said Ross Lowe, the applicant's wife's child by her former marriage, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman. The name of the applicant, Thomas Lowe, is not found on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. By reason of the uncertainty of the law in regard to the rights of intermarriage Freedmen, the name of the applicant will be placed on a doubtful card to await further consideration.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereon.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner.



Straight, as to wife Carrie and step child Rosa.  
Doubtful, as to applicant.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of THOMAS LEWE for the enrollment of himself as an INTER-MARRIED CHEROKEE FREEDMAN, and for the enrollment of his wife GARRIE LEWE, and his step-child ROSA FRYE as Cherokee Freedmen; He being first duly sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Thomas Lowe.  
Q How old are you? A. 32.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Dawson.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q For whom do you apply for then? A. For myself as an inter-married Cherokee Freedman.  
Q Do you apply for anyone else besides yourself? A. Yes sir, for my wife and for my step child.  
Q Do you apply for them as Cherokee Freedmen? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A. ~~GARRIE~~ Carrie Lowe.  
Q How old is she? A. She is 24 years old.  
Q What is her father's name? A. Sam Jones.  
Q Is he alive? A. No sir.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Rose Drew.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q Is your wife's name on the 1880 roll? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is it on the Census roll of 1896? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was her name before you married her? A. Carrie Frye.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of her first husband? A. Joe Frye.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q Was he living when you married Carrie? A. No sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married her? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been living with her continuously since your marriage to her? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living with her now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Never have been separated from her? A. No sir.

The applicant presents a marriage license, duly authenticated, issued by the authority of the Cherokee Nation, and a certificate certifying that he was married according to the laws of the Cherokee Nation to one Mrs. Carrie Frye a Cherokee citizen on the 3rd day of December, 1892. Said license being recorded in the Clerk's office of Cooweescoowee district, Book "D" of Marriage Records, page 118, on the 6th day of December, 1892, signed by H. H. Trett, Clerk. This is filed herewith.

- Q What is the name of your step child? A. Rosa Frye.  
Q How old is she? A. 16.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's wife identified thereon as follows: Page 95, No. 957, Carry Drew, Cooweescoowee district

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's wife and step child identified thereon as follows:

Page 409, No. 275, Carrie Lowe, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 405, No. 210, Rosa Frye, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1880 authenticated, and the 1896 census rolls of the



Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's name not found thereon.

- Q You say your wife's maiden name was Carrie Drew? A. Yes sir.  
Q And was it that she was married to the first time? A. Joe Frye.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q And she is the mother of Rosa Frye? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is Rosa Frye living now? A. Yes sir.

By Com's Needles,--

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself as an inter-married Cherokee Freedman, and for the enrollment of his wife and his wife's child, Rosa Frye, as Cherokee Freedmen. The name of his wife Carrie is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name of Carrie Drew, and on the census roll of 1896 by her present name of Carrie Lowe, she having been married to the applicant in 1892. The applicant avows that she was formerly married to one Joe Frye, now deceased, and that by said marriage to him she had one child, Rosa Frye, 16 years of age and the name of ~~Rosa~~ Frye is found on the census roll of 1896.

- Q. How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. 35 years.  
Q Has your wife and her child always lived in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.

( Judgment continued )

The applicant makes satisfactory proof as to the residence of himself, wife and step child, consequently the said Carrie Lowe, wife of applicant, and also the said Rosa Frye, the applicant's wife's child by her former marriage, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The name of the applicant, Thomas Lowe, is not found on any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation. By reason of the uncertainty of the law in regard to the rights of intermarriage Freedmen, the name of the applicant will be placed on a doubtful card to await further consideration.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*Thos. von Weise*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901

Post Office Dawson

District Coo

1. Name Thomas Lowe Age 29

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Carrie Lowe Age 36

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 95 No. 937 District Coo

Parents:

Father Sam Jones Citizenship Cal

Mother Rose Webster Drew Citizenship Cal

Names of Children:

12. Rosa Foye Year 1896 Page 405 No. 210 Dist. Coo 16

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Application made by Thomas Lowe Stenographer Van Weese Ches

(1) a Roll as "Carry Drew"  
 (1) "96" 409 #275 Coo  
 (2) a Roll "Rosa Foye"

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T. August 1, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Lowe for the  
enrollment of herself and daughter, Rosa Frye, as Cherokee Freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

ROBERT FOREMAN, being duly sworn and examined by the Com-  
mission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Robert Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly, about 27 or 28.  
Q What is your post office? A Tulsa.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Rosa Foreman now, was Rosa Frye.  
Q Is she a daughter of Carrie Lowe? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A I don't know just exactly,  
been married about two years.  
Q What month were you married in? A August.  
Q August 1902? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you remember the day? A Yes sir, 14th.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q At the time you applied for enrollment was your wife named Cora?  
A She is dead.  
Q When did she die? A 1901, the 19th day of July.

Mary B. Risser, being duly sworn states that as steno-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correct-  
ly recorded the supplemental testimony in his case and that the above  
and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic  
notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this August 10, 1904.

*Mary B. Risser*  
*Robert Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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legally married or not, they are living together, and have lived together a good many years.  
Q Are they recognized in the neighborhood as living together as man and wife? A Yes sir.

By Commissioner of Indian Affairs:

Q Who married you? A A prospector named Robinson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is he living? A Alone to where I live.  
Q Was Fatima Poorboy's Indian husband dead when you married her? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she your first wife? A Yes sir.

By Gen'l Needles:

The name of James Keye is found on the authentic-  
ated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1886. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He avers that he is married to one Fatima Poorboy, whose name is on the authenticated Cherokee Roll of 1880 as an intermarried white, she being a white person and her husband at the time being a Cherokee Indian by blood. He makes satisfactory oral proof as to his living with the said Fatima Poorboy as his wife in order to fully investigate the law as to the present citizenship of his wife, final judgment as to her enrollment will be suspended and her name will be placed on a doubtful card as an intermar-ried Cherokee Freedman, and it will be necessary for the appli-cant to file a certificate of his marriage to his wife.

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Genl. von Weiser, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Com-mission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner.

STRAIGHT AS TO APPLICANT

DOUBTFUL, as to his wife FATIMA KEYS.

U.S. Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jonas Keys for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman and for the enrollment of his wife FATIMA KEYS as an inter-married Cherokee Freedman. He being first duly sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Jonas Keys.

Q How old are you? A. 48.

Q What is your post office address? A. Melvin.

Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah

Q Do you apply as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation? A. No sir.

Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.

Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Myself—my woman is an adopted citizen.

Q Do you apply for her enrollment? A. No sir.

Q Got any children? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows: Page 777, 1842, Jonas Keys, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows: Page 1515, No. 227, Jonas Keys, Tahlequah district.

Q You say you don't want to apply for your wife? A. Yes sir I will apply for her.

Q What is her name? A. Fatima.

Q How old is she? A. About 70.

Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir I think it is.

Q When were you married to her? A. 15 years ago.

Q What was her name before you married her? A. Poorboy.

Q Is she an Indian? A. No sir she is a white woman, but she was married to an Indian named Poorboy.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's wife identified thereon as follows: Page 790, 1605, Fatima Poorboy, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's wife's name not found thereon.

Q How long did you say you had been married to Fatima Poorboy? A. About fifteen years ago.

Q Have you any proof of your marriage? A. Yes sir, that man over there, Mr. Keys.

Q You live with her now do you? A. Yes sir.

Q Have you lived with her continuously ever since your marriage to her? A. Yes sir.

JAMES M. KEYS, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. James M. Keys.

Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.

Q Do you know the applicant here; Jonas Keys? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know his wife, Fatima Poorboy? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know whether they are married? A. I don't know if they are



Jenas Keys 2.

legally married or not, they are living together, and have lived together a good many years.

Q Are they recognized in the neighborhood as living together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

By Commissioner of applicant:-

Q Who married you? A. A preacher named Robinson.

Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.

Q Where is he living? A. Close to where I live.

Q Was Fatima Poorboy's Indian husband dead when you married her? A. Yes sir.

Q Is she your first wife? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Jenas Keys is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to his residence, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He avers that he is married to one Fatima Poorboy, whose name is on the Authenticated Cherokee Roll of 1880 as an intermarried white, she being a white person and her husband at the time being a Cherokee Indian by blood. He makes satisfactory oral proof as to his living with the said Fatima Poorboy as his wife. In order to fully investigate the law as to the present citizenship of his wife, final judgment as to her enrollment will be suspended and her name will be placed on a doubtful card as an intermarried Cherokee Freedman, and it will be necessary for the applicant to file a certificate of his marriage to his wife.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

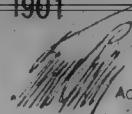
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*Chas. von Weise*  
*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 19, 1901

Post Office

Melvin, Ga.

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1. Name

James Keys

Age

43

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., October 30, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Jonas Keys for  
enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Columbus Lasley, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Columbus Lasley.  
Q How old are you? A 54.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman and on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know a Cherokee freedman, Jonas Keys? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old is he? A I expect he's 50.  
Q Think he would be about 45? A Well, he may not be any older  
than that, but I'd take him to be older.  
Q What's his postoffice? A Melvin, I suppose.  
Q How long have you known him? A About 30 years.  
Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you've known him?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out? A No sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as  
stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case,  
and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her steno-  
graphic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 13th day of November, 1903.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes  
Fort Gibson, I. T.  
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In the matter of the application of William Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; no being shown by Commissioner T. B. Needles as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. William Rogers.
- Q What is your age? A. 35.
- Q What is your present office address? A. Wagoner.
- Q In what district do you live? A. Oowessawnee.
- Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.
- Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.
- Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.
- Q Are you married? A. No sir.
- Q What is your father's name? A. Mr. Rogers.
- Q Is he living? A. No sir.
- Q What is your mother's name? A. Hester.
- Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 unphotostated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified person as follows:  
Page 125, No. 2375, Wm. Rogers, Oowessawnee, District.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified person as follows:  
Page 415, No. 438, William Rogers, Oowessawnee district.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.
- Q Are you living there now? A. Yes sir.
- Q Never have been outside have you? A. No sir.

By Com'r Needles:-  
The name of William Rogers is found on the unphotostated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified according to his name and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Gen. von Weine, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 10th 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Rogers for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. William Rogers.  
Q What is your age? A. 35.  
Q What is your past office address? A. Wagoner.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Hig Rogers.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Heater.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 163, No 2573, Wm. Rogers, Cooweescoowee, District.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 415, No. 426, William Rogers, Cooweescoowee district

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you living there now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Never have been outside have you? A. No sir.

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of William Rogers is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony, and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas. von Weise*  
*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 19, 1901  
 Post Office Wagoner, Ok.  
 District Ok.

1. Name William Rogers Age 25  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1880 Page 163 No. 2373 District Ok.

Parents:

Father Wm Rogers Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother Hester Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by Mr. 1

Stenographer Chas von Weise

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1 " 1896 " " 415 426 - Ok.

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The said child is said to be the child of the said man, and will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman; their names on the roll of 1880; they are living and free. Betsey, wife and Sarah R. Rider, are also identified with the said children for whom identification is made; Rose, enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for Cherokee Freedman, and as his wife; she was living in the said state as identified on the roll of 1880 and 1890 as a white listed in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman; minor children, and for one said child; he is identified as the enrollment of himself, his wife, and four children. Com'r Brackburnage. The applicant abjures

page 412 #432 Sarah (R) Rider, Coconawocowee District.  
 page 412 #434 Eliza Rider, Coconawocowee Dist.  
 page 412 #432 Bettie Rider, Coconawocowee Dist.  
 page 412 #433 Rose Rider, Coconawocowee Dist.  
 page 412 #430 Annie Rider, Coconawocowee Dist.  
 page 412 #412 Jerry Rider, Coconawocowee Dist.  
 and abjures as identified person as follows:  
 1880 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined

page 188 #3480 Ann Rider, Coconawocowee Dist, a young colored  
 page 188 #3442 Jerry Rider, Coconawocowee Dist, a young colored  
 examined and abjures as identified person as follows:  
 1880 census listed roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

Did you ever see her ever so by the name of Roberts? A No sir.  
 Is the child a father's man named Roberts? A Yes sir.  
 Your daughter still goes by the name of Rider? A Yes sir.  
 Well, she never said.  
 She doesn't want the child enrolled under her name as Rider?  
 But she calls the child Roberts does she? A Yes sir.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 18, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jerry Rider for the enrollment of himself, wife and four children and one grand-child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackenridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Jerry Rider.  
Q How old are you? A 43 or 4.  
Q What is your post-office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coe eescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides your self? A My wife and six children; well there are seven of them altogether.  
Q Are these children all under 21 years of age? A Al l except two.  
Com'r: They will have to apply for themselves.  
Q That leaves five that you will apply for? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they all unmarried? A None of them married.  
Q One of them is not your own child? A There is two of them not, one is my step-child and one is my daughter's child.  
Q Three of them are your own children? A Five of my own.  
Q Of these five three are your own children and one is a step-child and the other one a grand child? A Yes sir, I apply for four minor children and a grand child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Lige Rider.  
Q Is your father dead? A No sir, he is living.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lucy Rider, she is dead.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A This August past a year ago.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A Annie.  
Q How old is your wife? A I guess about 42.  
Q When did you and she marry? A Oh it has been quite a while ago, I don't remember just how long it has been.  
Q It has been twenty odd years hasn't it? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she on the roll of 1880 as your wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Reuben Climes.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Betsy Lee.  
Q Is your wife's father dead? I don't know.  
Q Is your wife's mother dead? A No sir.  
Q Your wife claims to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes sir.  
Q Now give me the names of these four children, the ~~junest~~ ones that you are applying for, beginning with the oldest of the four that's Rose I believe? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is Rose? A About 20.  
Q Next child Betsy? A Yes sir, about 16.  
Q Next one is Ella? A Yes sir.  
Q She is about 14? A Yes sir.  
Q Next one Sarah R.? A Sarah Rachel.  
Q She is about 12? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Now you have a grand child? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of that child? A Willie Lee Rogers.  
Q Com'r William Lee Rogers.  
Q How old is that child? A 2 years.  
Q Is that the child of a daughter of yours? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of that child A Rose.  
Q Has your daughter Rose ever married? A No sir.  
Q Is that the daughter Rose that you are applying for? A Yes sir.

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Q But she calls the child Rogers does she? A Yes sir.  
Q She doesn't want the child enrolled under her name as Rider?  
A Well, she never said.  
Q Your daughter still goes by the name of Rider? A Yes sir.  
Q Is the child's father a man named Rogers? A Yes sir.  
Q Did your daughter ever go by the name of Rogers? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 166 #2449 Jerry Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist, adopted colored  
page 166 #2450 Ann Rider Cooweescoowee Dist, adopted colored

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 415 #419 Jerry Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 415 #420 Annie Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 415 #422 Rose Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 415 #423 Bettie Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 415 #424 Ella Rider, Cooweescoowee Dist;  
page 415 #425 Sarah (R) Rider Cooweescoowee District.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and four ~~minor~~ minor children, and for one grand-child; he is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; His wife is identified on the roll of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, and as his wife; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman;

The four children for whom application is made, Rose, Betsey, Ella and Sarah R. Rider, are duly identified with their parents on the roll of 1896; they are living and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen;

The grand-child is said to be the child of the applicant's daughter Rose, whose name has been mentioned among the applicant's children just listed for enrollment; this child is called after its father, to whom the applicant states his daughter was never regularly married, and application is made for the enrollment of the child under the name of William Lee Rogers; when the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of this child, said to be now two years of age, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 20, 1901.

*A. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office ChoteauDistrict Coo1. Name Jerry Rider Age 43

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 166 No. 2449 District Coo

Parents:

Father Elijah Rider Citizenship ColMother Lucy Citizenship Col2. Name of wife Annie Rider Age 42

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 166 No. 2450 District Coo

Parents:

Father Reuben Klines Citizenship ColMother Betse Leek Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

|     |                           |                  |                 |                |                  |           |
|-----|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 3.  | <u>Rose Rider</u>         | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>415</u> | No. <u>422</u> | Dist. <u>Coo</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Betse</u>              | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>415</u> | No. <u>423</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>16</u> |
| 5.  | <u>Ella</u>               | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>415</u> | No. <u>424</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>14</u> |
| 6.  | <u>Sarah R.</u>           | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>415</u> | No. <u>425</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>12</u> |
| 7.  | <u>William Lee Rogers</u> | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>"</u>   | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>2</u>  |
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| 12. |                           | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.            |           |

Application made by No (1)Stenographer Green M. D.

- (1) - 96 Roll 415 # 419 Coo
- (2) - 96 Roll "Ann Rider"
- (3) - 96 " 415 # 420 Coo
- (4) 96 Roll "Betse Rider"
- (5) 96 "Sarah (R) Rider"
- (7) Affidavit of Birth to be filed



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Willie Lee Rogers  
as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

April 22, 1901

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Willie Lee Rogers, born on the 26 day of Nov, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Willie Rogers, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rose Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chauteau, ST.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Rose Rider, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Willie Rogers, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 26 day of Nov, 1898 that said child has been  
named Willie Lee Rogers, and is now living.

PUBLIC  
WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rose Rider

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Jennie Oram, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Rose Rider <sup>not</sup> Willie Rogers,  
on the 26 day of Nov, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Willie Lee Rogers.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rose Rider  
John A. Berry  
Jennie Oram  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

J. P. Bludsoe  
NOTARY PUBLIC

*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*Kenneth Rogers*

as a citizen of the

*United States* Nation.

Approved

*Oct 3* 1907

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Henniitta Rogers, born on the 24 day of June, 1902  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Rogers, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rose Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Chotam, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Armen District.

I, Rose Rider, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Rogers, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24 day of June, 1902 that said child has been  
named Henniitta Rogers, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Rose Rider

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August, 1902

J. B. Blaser

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Armen District.

I, Junie Baabins, midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rose Rider, wife of William Rogers,  
on the 24 day of June, 1902, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Henniitta Rogers.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

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Ellen

Junie Baabins  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of August, 1902

J. B. Blaser

NOTARY PUBLIC.

JOR.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., November 9, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jerry Rider, his wife, Annie, and children, Rose, Betsie, Ella, Sarah R. and grand-children Willie Lee and Henrietta Rogers, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Betsie Stevens, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Betsie Stevens.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you a daughter of Jerry and Annie Rider? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Peter Stevens.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A 15th of May, 1902.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of November, 1904.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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Cherokee F-585.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, T. T., December 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Jerry Rider for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Annie, his children, Rose, Betsie, Ella and Sarah Rider and grand-children, Willie Lee and Henrietta Rogers as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Rose Rogers, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rose Rogers.  
Q How old are you? A 24.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you a daughter of Jerry Rider? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you married? A Yes'm.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A William Rogers.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A Yes'm.  
Q When were you married? A Yesterday.  
Q December 28, 1904? A Yes'm.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes'm.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of December, 1904.

J. P. [Signature]  
Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., June 28, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Jerry Rider for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Annie, and children, Rose, Betsie, Ella and Sarah R. Rider, and grandchildren, Willie Lee and Henrietta Rogers, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-585.

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ELLA VANN, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Ella Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q What is your post-office? A Choteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Jerry Rider.  
Q And your mother? A Annie Rider.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Rufus Vann.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A May 7.  
Q What year? A 1905.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

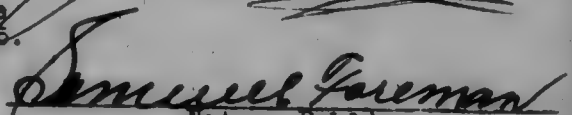
BY THE COMMISSION:

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. F-1475.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of June, 1905.

  
Notary Public.

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DOUBTFUL, as to wife Mamie, and child, Hannah.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 19, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Johnson for the enrollment of himself, wife and child as Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A John Johnson.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know exactly. I guess I am about 26.
- Q What is your post-office? A Vinita.
- Q What district do you live in? A Saline District.
- Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q Who is it you want to have enrolled besides yourself? Have you got a wife? A Just myself and child.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.
- Q Were you born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Have you ever lived anywhere else? A No sir.
- Q Have you ever applied in for enrollment as a Freedman of any other Nation? A No sir.
- Q Or a citizen of any other nation? A No sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A George Johnson.
- Q Is he alive? A No sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I can't hardly tell you; I was very young when he died.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rachel Johnson.
- Q Is she alive? A No sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about three or four years I guess; I don't know exactly.
- Q Give me the name of your child? A She was enrolled as Hannah or Hattie, Johnson.
- Q Well give me her correct name now? A Hannah Johnson.
- Q How old is the child? A Seven years old.
- Q This child is alive now is it? A Yes sir.
- Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Mamie Johnson.
- Q Is she your wife? A Yes sir.
- Q Is Mamie Johnson alive? A Yes sir.
- Q When were you and Mamie Johnson married? A We was married in 1892 I believe.
- Q How old is she, Mamie Johnson? A I don't know sir.
- Q Is she as old as you? A Yes sir, I suppose she is; maybe older; I couldn't tell you her age.
- Q She is about your age anyhow? A I guess she is about my age; I don't know her age.
- Q Were you ever married except to her? A No sir.
- Q Was she ever married except to you? A No sir.
- Q Have you and she lived together ever since you were married? A Yes sir.
- Q She does not claim to be a Cherokee Freedman herself? A Yes sir, but her mother enrolled her before; she went with her mother.
- Q When? A The last enrollment.
- Q How long ago? A It was at Hayden.
- Q Four or five years ago? A About four or five years ago I guess.
- Q Your wife hasn't been enrolled this time? A No sir.
- Q Why don't you apply for her now; you want to apply for her too don't you? A I don't want her left off, if I can enroll her.
- Q Can't you apply for her?
- Q She claims to be a Cherokee Freedman? A You say? A Yes sir.
- Q Give me the name of her father? A John Armstrong.
- Q Is he alive? A I don't know, sir, whether he is or not.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Annie Armstrong I suppose, some called her Kizzie Armstrong.
- Q Is she alive? A Yes sir.

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Q Who here knows that you and your wife have been married, and live together as husband and wife, any of your old neighbors around here? A Yes sir, Mr. Alberty.

LINK ALBERTY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Link Alberty.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty-nine.  
Q What is your post-office? A Wagoner.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been here all my days.  
Q You know this applicant here, John Johnson? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have been knowing him ever since he was about eight years old.  
Q You know his wife? A I am slightly acquainted with his wife.  
Q What is her name? A Mamie or Mame.  
Q How long have they been living together as husband and wife, so far as you know? A So far as I know they have been together about six or seven years; along there; I didn't pay much attention to it.  
Q Did you ever know John Johnson to be married to any other woman except this woman? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever know his wife to be married to anybody except him? A No sir.  
Q Have they been living together as husband and wife all the time? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you present at their wedding? A No sir.  
Q Did they marry in your neighborhood? A No sir.  
Q You heard about it at the time? A Yes sir.  
Q Have they got any children? A Yes sir, one.  
Q You know the child? A Yes sir.  
Q Is it recognized as the child of this marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Born after their marriage? A I think it was born before their marriage.  
Q How long before their marriage? A I couldn't say, I don't know.

Applicant, JOHN JOHNSON, re-called, and further examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified:

Q Was this child born before your marriage to this woman? A Yes sir.  
Q How long before you married her? A I don't exactly remember how long.  
Q As near as you can come; how old was the child when you married this woman? A I don't know sir.  
Q Was it walking about? A Yes sir, it was walking.  
Q This child, though, was born to your wife, it is her own child? A Yes sir.  
Q You didn't live with her as husband and wife before you were married to her? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified as follows:  
page 642 #600 Johnney Johnson, Saine District, adopted colored  
1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's wife, and name not found thereon.

Q Did your wife go by any other name except Armstrong before she married you? A Not that I know of.

1896 census of all of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant, and name not identified thereon.

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- Q Did you draw Cherokee Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q How much did you get? A I got the first payment, \$188.75, I believe.  
Q Then did you draw some more? A I drew the Lipe payment.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and name of applicant ~~was~~ identified thereon as follows  
page 21 #531 Johnnie Johnson, Saline District;  
page 21 #532 Hattie Johnson, Saline District.

(Com'r to roll clerk; You don't find Mamie? A No sir)  
(Com'r to roll clerk; You couldn't find Mamie Johnson on the 1896 roll either? A No sir.)

- Q Now, John Johnson, you have never made your home outside of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever worked outside of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q Now you stated in the early part of your testimony you had been married in 1892? A I don't remember exactly when I did marry.  
Q In other words you put your marriage just one year back behind the age of you give for this child; and you didn't say anything about this being a step-child, or anything of the kind; now that's a pretty serious thing; you have made that date of your marriage a very convenient date; you make it look like this was your lawful child; ~~you make it look like this~~ now that's a penitentiary offense, and I want to give fair warning that the people have got to be careful about that kind of testimony, and you would be very likely convicted about having an interest in the matter if we brought you up before the court about it; and I don't say yet I won't bring you before the court about it.

- Q That was my ignorance in stating.  
Q Yes, but your ignorance is very systematic? A I have no education.  
Q People don't need any education to have cunning and to work for property, and you have arranged it so as to make it very deceptive, and you have held back what it wasn't to your interest to be known; that is the way it looks; now didn't your wife live with the father of this child before she married you? A No sir, that was the cause of I and her's marrying, was the child; she deemed it to me, and I just married the girl, and when her mother enrolled her she failed to enroll the child, and of course ~~was~~ me and her was man and wife then and the child was recognized as my child.  
Q But you didn't marry her until the child was able to walk about?  
A No sir, I didn't marry her right away.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child; the applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton rolls but he is not identified on the roll of 1896; it appears that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and that his omission from the roll of 1896 is through no fault of his own; he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

It is testified that he married his wife some six or seven years ago, or possibly later, along eight or nine years ago; he first testified, - and that the child for whom application has been made was born prior to their marriage, and was old enough to walk at the time of their marriage; without passing upon the question as to whether his wife could acquire rights by intermarriage as a Freedman, it will be stated that she is not identified upon any roll, nor is her mother or father identified upon any roll, though the applicant

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states that his wife was herself a Cherokee Freedman; as to the status of intermarriage, the birth and age of the child prior to the marriage between the applicant and his wife would indicate that the father of this child married relation had been maintained between her and the father of the child, and she will now be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage;

As for the child, the applicant claims that he was charged with the parentcy of the child, and for that reason married his wife, but his testimony has been of such conflicting character in regard to his family, that his statement should be accepted with very great doubt, in addition to which there is doubt arising from the probability of the child's mother having maintained married relations with some other man prior to her marriage to the applicant; the child is identified on the Keweenaw-Clifton roll and is said to be living now, and it will be listed upon a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 22, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901Post Office VinitaDistrict Saline1. Name John Johnson Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 642 No. 600 District Saline

Parents:

Father George JohnsonCitizenship Col DMother Rachel JohnsonCitizenship Col D2. Name of wife Mamie Johnson

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 642 No. 600 District Saline

Parents:

Father John ArmstrongCitizenship ColMother AmmieCitizenship Col

Names of Children:

3. Hattie Johnson Year 1880 Page 642 No. 600 District Saline

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- (1) on 80 Roll "Johnny Johnson"
- (2) K.C. Roll 21 / 531 Saline
- (3) ~~80 Roll on~~
- (4) ~~K.C. Roll "Hattie Johnson"~~



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mamie Johnson et al. for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Mamie Johnson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mamie Johnson.  
Q What is your age? A 24.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir, and child.  
Q What is the name of that child? A Hannah.  
Q How old is Hannah? A 7 years old.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A No, sir.  
Q Is it on any of the rolls? A My name is with my Mamma, Micoy Vann.  
Q What is her name? A Micoy Vann.  
Q Is Micoy Vann living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was that your mother that was here to-day? A Yes, sir, a-while ago.  
Q What is your father's name? A My father is dead.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A John Johnson.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is his name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is John Johnson? A Wagoner.  
Q Has he been enrolled himself? A Yes, sir, he enrolled to Fort Gibson.  
Q Didn't he enroll you too when he enrolled himself? A Just mynself.  
Q How old is John? A 24 years old he said.  
Q Why didn't he enroll you ever there when he enrolled himself: are you and him living together? A Yes, sir.  
Q By V.V.Hastings, Cherokee Freedman: Did he enroll you? A Yes, sir.  
Q ~~Wasn't you~~ married you? A Mr. Hilderbrand; he is dead now.  
Q Where did he marry you? A On Grand River.  
Q How long ago? A I don't know, sir, I never put it down.  
Q Were you married before this child was born? A No, sir.  
Q This child was born before you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Commissioner: Well, John has been here and attended to you. A You see I didn't know it; he sent me work to enroll from Wagoner.  
Q Were you married to John Johnson when this child was born? A No, sir.  
Q Born before you were married? A Yes, sir.  
Q You wasn't married to anybody? A I married after it was born.  
Q Mr. Hastings: How old was the child when you married? A Three years old.  
Q Where were you living when the child was born? A Living with my mother.  
Q Where was that? A On Grand River.  
Q In Saline district? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner: Let this go as supplemental testimony to B-121.

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Exhibit 10000 - 2.

James S. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly transcribed the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Priscilla Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 21st of May, 1901.

W. A. Beckwith

Commissioner.

To be filed with case of Mamie Johnson, et al., C. F.-D.#121.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE-CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
VINITA, I.T., I.T., MAY 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Niecey Vann for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Vann being sworn and examined by Commission T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Niecey Vann.  
Q How old are you, Niecey? A Close on to 40.  
Q What is your post office? A Spavinaw.  
Q What district do you live in? A Saline.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to any other tribe or Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A My husband is named Jess Vann.  
Q Your present husband is named Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you got any children that is not married? A I have got one, Ibbie Armstrong.  
Q How old is Ibbie? A 13.  
Q What was your father's name? A I never knowed my father.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Mary Hite.  
Q Were you ever married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your first husband's name? A John Armstrong.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your last husband's name? A Jess Vann.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes, sir.  
Q Just been married twice? A Twice only.  
Q Your name was Armstrong in 1880? A Yes, sir.  
BY W. V. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:  
Q Where did you live in 1880? A I lived in Sequoyah before I moved here.  
Q How long have you been here? A Twelve years.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name not found thereon.

BY COM'R NEEDLES:

- Q Are you certain your name is on the roll of 1880?  
A It ought to be there, the rest of them is there.  
Q What are these other persons you are talking about?  
A Ibbie Dean and Niecey Mayfield and Mary Hite, is my mother.

BY W. V. HASTINGS: Is that Tom Mayfield's girl? A Tom Mayfield's wife.

BY COM'R NEEDLES: Did you ever go by any other name besides Niecey?  
A Annie, some calls me Annie and some calls me Niecey.

- Q Your name isn't on the roll of 1880? A It ought to be there.  
Q Did you draw your strip payment money? A No, sir, I didn't. I drew the Wallace money.

Q Why didn't you draw it? A They said my name wasn't there.

Q Were you a slave? A Yes, sir, born a slave, but I don't know anything about it.

Q You don't know? A No, sir, I don't know anything about it.

Q Don't know who your owner was? A I know who my mother's owner was.

Q What was your mother's name? A Mary Hite.

Q What was the name of the owner of your mother? A Jane Mayfield.

Q Is she living? A I don't know, sir, whether she is or not.

Q You don't know anything about your father? A No, sir.

Q Do you know whether you were taken out of the Cherokee Nation during the war? A No, I don't know that.

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Q Do you know where you were born? A My mother said I was born in the Cherokee Nation, Sequoyah District.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Lived in Fort Smith a while.  
Q How long did you live in Fort Smith? A I don't know just how long.  
Q Well about how many years? A Not much, first there and then Territory.  
Q Where were you married? A I was married in Fort Smith.  
Q Well, you were living in Fort Smith in 1880 if you were married about 20 years ago, weren't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say then that you removed from Fort Smith up to the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, to Sequoyah District.  
Q Have you got any witnesses? A Yes, sir.  
Q J. V. NEEDLES: where were you when you were old enough to remember? A In Sequoyah District.  
Q How far from Fort Smith? A Just the river divided it.  
Q You were right on this side of the river? A Just across the river over in town; the Territory where I lived from Fort Smith just the river.  
Q You were living in that settlement? A Yes, sir, wasn't nowhere from town.  
Q You don't know what year you were born? A No, sir, about 40.  
Q I don't know what year I was born.  
Q You don't remember anything the war or anything about it?  
A No, sir.  
Q Have you been married twice? A Yes, sir.  
Q You married both times in Fort Smith?  
A No, sir, married since I have been here.  
Q J. V. NEEDLES: Your present husband is named Vann? A Yes, sir, Jess Vann.

CHARLEY BROWN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:  
Q What is your name? A Charley Brown.  
Q How old are you? A I am 71 years old, last March.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q What is your post office? A Ruby.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir; I ought to be but they never did recognize me.  
Q Well, do you know the applicant here, Niecey Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A Ever since she was a little girl.  
Q Was she a born slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q To whom did she belong? A She first belonged to Blackburn and her last owner was Jane Mayfield.  
Q You knew her owner, Jane Mayfield? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom did you belong to? A I belonged to old Judge Brown.  
Q Was this child, Niecey, taken out of the Nation during the war?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Where to? A They taken her south somewheres, I don't know how far.  
Q Who took her? A Mayfield.  
Q That was her owner? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well do you know when she come back to the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What year? A She come back in '65.  
Q Are you positive of that? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you in '65? A I was down to Fort Smith a while and I was down to Gibson and went from Gibson down to Smith.  
Q Where did you see her in 1865? A I saw her in Sequoyah District.  
Q How old was she then? A She wasn't very old.  
Q You had known her since she was born had you? A Yes, sir.

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Q Where has she lived since that? A She has lived in Sequoyah District and she came over there down to Grand River.

Q She never lived out of the Cherokee Nation? A Not that I know of.

Q You state that she belonged to Jane Mayfield? A Yes, sir.

Q What was Jane Mayfield's husband's name? A Mayfield.

Q Well, his first name? A I don't know what his first name was, I just always called him Mayfield.

Q And they went south during the war? A Yes, sir.

Q And took Fiecy here, the applicant, with them? A Yes, sir; took her and her mother.

Q Did you know who brought Fiecy back? A No, sir, I don't.

Q You just saw her here since 1865? A Yes, sir.

EX W. W. HASTINGS: What time of the year was it you saw her? A I don't know what time of the year it was; I think though it was in the fall.

Q You are positive it was in 1865? A Yes, sir.

Q This girl was a good big sized girl pretty near grown?

A Oh, no.

Q Was she as much as ten years of age? A No, sir, I don't think she was that old.

Q About how old would you take her to be then? A Oh, she was small.

Q Well, about how old? A I don't know about how old she was; she is somewhere in 40 now.

Q Can't you give any idea at all? A No.

Q As much as three, four, five, six? A She was three or four years old I guess.

Q Who was she with when you saw her? A Her mother.

Q And her mother was named Jane? A No, sir.

Q What was her mother's name? A Her mother was named Mary.

Q Mary Mayfield? A Yes, sir.

Q Whom was Mary living with when you saw her just after the war?

A She was living with a man, I can't think of his name; Steve I believe, Steven Hite.

Q Where were they living? A They were living down there in Sequoyah District.

Q How far from Fort Smith? A Well, not far.

Q About how many Miles? A They lived there in Fort Smith a while.

Q Well, I want to know where you first saw them after the war?

A I saw them on this side of the river at the old Mayfield place.

Q Their former owners were living there? A Yes, sir.

Q That is this woman's Mistress and her Master? A Yes, sir; they was there; I don't know whether they was living there or whether they was just come there.

Q You know they were there when you saw her after the war? (No response.)

Q And you know that that was in the fall of 1895?

A I don't know, I think it was.

Q You think it was that time of the year? A Yes, sir.

Q What were you doing down there? A I went to Fort Smith.

Q Go down there to Court? A I think I did.

Q Do you remember what cases were up there for trial?

A I don't know.

Q Don't know about that? A No, sir.

Q Judge Parker the Judge? A Yes sir.

Q Did you stay over night with these people? A No, sir, just passing there.

Q Going down to Court? A Yes, sir, going to Fort Smith.

Q How long had you been back here then? A Me?

Q Yes. A This Country?

Q Yes. A I was here all the while.

Q You didn't go out during the war? A I was out and in. I was working for the Government.

Q Where were you at any time? A Fort Smith and I was to Gibson, counted there for the government four months, drove teams three years and six months, Government teams, a right down to Fort Gibson.

Q What year is this? A Going on Ninety-two I think.  
 Q You don't know what case you went down there as a witness in when you saw this woman? A I didn't go in a case, I just went down there.  
 Q Do you know how long you stopped there at the place you saw them? A I didn't stop there very long.  
 BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES: You say when you saw this woman you were going to Fort Smith? A Yes, sir.  
 Q You know there is a Court at Fort Smith? A Yes, sir.  
 Q United States Court? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Were they holding Court there about that time? A I don't know whether they was or not, I heard them say they was holding Court, I didn't go in the Court house.  
 Q Do you know who the Judge was? A I suppose Judge Parker was.  
 Q Suppose so? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Did you ever see Judge Parker? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Did you see him about that time? A No, I didn't see him, I never went to the Court house to see him.  
 Q He didn't call on you did he? A No sir.  
 Q Well, do you know whether he was there or not? A No, sir, I don't, I heard they say he was there.  
 Q You know, now, that Niece was a slave do you? A Yes, sir, she was a little girl at the time the war broke out.  
 Q Do you know who her father was? A Dave Brown.  
 Q Wasn't married to her mother was he? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Her mother's name was Mary Hite wasn't it? A Yes, sir, she married Hite after he died.  
 Q Was Dave Brown a slave? A Yes, sir.  
 Q Whom did he belong to? A Old Judge Brown.  
 Q What makes you think it was '65 you saw Niece Brown there? A Because I heard them say it was that year is all I know.  
 Q Her mother wasn't gone very long south until she came back? A She come back the same year the war closed, '65.  
 Q You know when the war closed? A Yes, sir.  
 Q She come back that year and you saw her? A Yes, sir.  
 BY W. W. HASTINGS: You go by the name of Charles Brown? A Yes.  
 Q Have you got a son by the name of John? A Yes, sir.  
 Q And you got one by the name of Charley? A Yes, sir.  
 Q You got one by the name of Sam? A Yes, sir.  
 Q You applied for enrollment before the Kerns-Clifton Commission, didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
 Q You swore then that you left this country during the war, didn't you? A No, sir.  
 Q You swore that you went out in 1862? A I went up to Fort Scott in '62 driving a Government team and come back; went after provisions and come back to Gibson.  
 Q Didn't you swear that you went out of here in '62 and that you came back in 1866? A I swore that I went out in '62 and swore that I was here all the time during the war, didn't I?  
 Q I am asking you now? A Yes, sir, I was back and again out, off and on.  
 Q To what point in the Cherokee Nation did you return after the war? A I returned back to Big Creek.  
 Q That is away up here near Coffeyville, Kansas? A Yes, sir.  
 Q That is where you first came to when you returned after the war? A No, I was down to Gibson and I went back to Fort Scott and then come back, come back there to Big Creek.  
 Q You swore before that you come back to Snow Creek in the fall of 1866, and that was the first time you come back here? A No, sir, I didn't.  
 Q You didn't swear that? A No, sir, I swore that I had been back wards and forwards.  
 Q Did you they give you any strip money? A No, sir.  
 Q They rejected you? A Yes, sir, just like they did a heap of the others.

JIM ALBERTY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:



- Q What is your name? A Jim Alberty.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Alberty? A 70 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Choudeau.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Nicey Vann? A No, sir, I don't know much about her; just acquainted with her.  
Q Don't know who her owner was? A No, sir.  
Q Don't know where she was in 1866? A No, sir.

WALKER JOHNSON, being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Walker Johnson.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Johnson? A I expect I am about 57 or 58 years old.  
Q What is your post office address? A Locust Grove.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Well, I ought to be, sir.  
Q You are a kinda disputed citizen are you? A Is right now.  
Q Your name is not on the roll of 1860? (No response.)  
Q Do you know Nicey Vann, the applicant, here? A I know her mother.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Mary.  
Q Mary Hite? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was Mary Hite a slave? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her owner's name? A Her owner was first Blackburn, Blackburn was her mother's father and when he died fell to her daughter, Jane Blackburn and she married Walker Mayfield.  
Q Jane Mayfield then was the owner of Nicey here too was she?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know where Nicey's mother went during the war?  
A No, sir.  
Q Do you know whether they went out or not? A No, I don't.  
Q When did you first see the mother of Nicey here after the war?  
A It has been about four, five or six years ago, to be honest.  
Q Then you don't know where Nicey Vann or her mother was in the year 1866? A No, sir.  
Q Don't know anything about it? A No, sir.

The Wallace Roll of freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 181, #3324, Nicey Armstrong, no district given.

- BY W. W. HASTINGS: You knew Walker Mayfield? A Yes, sir.  
Q He married Jane Blackburn? A Yes, sir.  
Q About how long before the war did he marry Jane Blackburn?  
A I just could not remember that.  
Q Was it a number of years? A Yes, sir, but I don't remember anything about how long it was.  
Q Do you know whether it was just a short time or several years?  
A I don't want the exact number or anything like that?  
A It was a good bit.  
Q Where was Walker Mayfield living when the war come up?  
A On the old Blackburn place.  
Q That is in Sequoyah District? A Yes, sir.  
Q And he left here after the war come up did he? A Yes, sir, after the war come up he went to Texas or some place.  
Q Did you know Walker's mother, Sallie Mayfield? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did they all go to Texas together? A No, sir, Walker went to Texas, his parents was living in Texas and he come back and married Mayfield's daughter.  
Q Did he live here after he married? A Yes, sir.  
Q He stayed down here and left here after the war come up?  
A Yes, sir.

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WILSON VANN, the applicant, re-called, further testified.  
BY COM'R HENNING:

Q Is this child, Ibbie, living? A Yes, sir.

COM'R HENNING:--Wiley Vann applies for the enrollment of herself and her child, Ibbie Armstrong. She avers that she is the daughter of Mary Hite and that Mary Hite was a slave of Jane Hayfield. Her name cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 or the Kern-Clifton roll. She is identified upon the Wallace roll. The name of her child cannot be found upon any roll. She makes satisfactory proof as to residence. By reason of the fact that her name is not on the authenticated roll of 1880, and from the further fact that her enrollment is protested by the representatives of the Cherokee Nation, Wiley Vann and her child, Ibbie Armstrong, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen on a doubtful card, awaiting further consideration of the Commission. When the Commission arrives at a decision she will be notified. It is necessary for her to introduce any further evidence that she may produce in regard to her citizenship and file satisfactory proof as to the birth of her child, Ibbie, whose name does not appear upon any of the rolls.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of August, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T. September, 10, 1901.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY in the matter of the applications of:

Nicey Vann et al., C. F. D. 359  
Mammie Johnson et al., C.F.D. 121 and  
John Armstrong, C. F. D. 365

By the Commission: The Cherokee Nation presents satisfactory proof of service of notice on the said Nicey Vann and the said Mammie Johnson that testimony would be introduced by the Cherokee Nation in the matter of their applications for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. The said Nicey Vann and the said Mammie Johnson having been called three times do not respond.

JOHN ROSS, having been first duly sworn by the Commission testified as follows on the part of the Cherokee Nation:  
Examination by L. B. Bell, Cherokee Representative:

Q What's your name? A John Ross, John H. Ross.

Q Well what's your postoffice and age? A. Vinita, age 32.

Q You are called here to testify in the case of Nicey Vann-- she claims to be a Cherokee freedman and to have left here at the beginning of the war and to have returned here in '66 or '68 along there and to have resided here, now what is it you know of her residence about 12 years ago? Q In 1890 I was United States Marshal at Fort Smith-- a deputy United States Marshal; I was here from 1890 to May '93 and I got acquainted with this woman Nicey Vann; she was married to a man named Armstrong at that time; she was living in Fort Smith running a boarding house in Fort Smith.

Q Fort Smith, Arkansas? A. Yes sir in Arkansas. That's about all I know about it. I was there from '90 to '93 and she was here all that time and when I left there in '93 she was still there. Her husband died in Fort Smith.

Q Do you know anything about her being a Cherokee freedman? A. No sir I don't know about that.

Q Or her husband? A. I know her husband well, he was a doctor and he had no claim at all.

Q Did she have any children there? A. I don't know it if she did.

( By the Commission )

Q How long have you known Nicey Vann? A. I got acquainted with her in '90.

Q Did not know her up to that time? A. No sir.

Q She was at that time living in Fort Smith? A. Yes sir.

Q You know her then of your own knowledge for the past three years? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know how long she lived there before she came to the Cherokee Nation? A. I do not.

Q Do you know whether she had any children? A I do not.

Q What relation is Mammie Johnson to Nicey Vann? A I do not know.

Q Do you know Mammie Johnson? A. I do not, do not know Mammie Johnson at all.

Q Do you know whether Nicey Vann was married to any other than her present husband Vann? A I don't know of her being married to Vann at all, she was living with this man Armstrong there when I got acquainted with her.

Q Did she ever go by any other name than Nicey Vann? A. Nicey Armstrong when she lived in Fort Smith.

Benjamin Nave called and sworn as a witness for the Cherokee Nation, testified as follows:

( By the Commission )

Q What is your name? A. Benjamin Nave.

Q How old are you? A. 37

Q What is your post office address? A. Vinita.  
( By L. B. Bell )

Q Just state what you know of this Nicey Vann's antecedents? A I have known her since '82; got acquainted with her in Fort Smith, Arkansas in '82. She lived on 4th Street, place called "Shick-a-boo Place" in Fort Smith. I went there and joined the Marshal's force in '82 and staid there until '96 off and on, in and out. She staid there till just before the Kern Clifton census taking and run off and left this old man Armstrong she was living with and come off up into the Territory.

Q Do you know Mammie Johnson, her daughter? A. Yes sir I know her now I didn't know her at that time.

Q She didn't have her there with her at Fort Smith? A. Had no children at all. Used to give dances at her house every night and we would go there and get on a drunk and raise sand and all sorts of things.

( By the Commission )

Q Did you first get to know Nicey Vann in '82? A Yes sir.

Q Didn't know her before that? A. No sir.

Q Did she live in Fort Smith when you first knew her? A. Yes sir.

Q Did she live there until '96? A She came here just before the Kern Clifton census taking.

Q And she was living at that time with a man named Armstrong? A. His name was John Armstrong, and old crippled man, a doctor.

Q And this Mammie Johnson is a daughter of Nicey Vann is she? A. Supposed to be now, she didn't have her with her then.

Q Mammie Johnson was not living with Nicey Vann in Fort Smith when you knew them there? A. There was no children here at all.

Note by Commission: This testimony will also be filed with the case of John Armstrong, G. F. D. 353 when the Cherokee Nation take proof of service of notice on him that said additional testimony will be taken.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10th of September, 1901.

CONFIDENTIAL.

*md Green*  
*NO*

Cherokee Freedman No. 121

B.F. 586

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Zadie Johnson*  
as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved,

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*D. J. [Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Zadie Johnson, born on the 20 day of June, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mamie Johnson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vinita, ST.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Mamie Johnson, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Johnson who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 20 day of June, 1901 that said child has been  
named Zadie Johnson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Mamie Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Oct, 1901.

J. R. Blaine

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Abbie Blythe, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mamie Johnson, wife of John Mayfield,  
on the 20 day of June, 1901 that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Zadie Johnson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

William L. Landrum  
John Landrum

Abbie Blythe  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of Oct, 1901.

J. R. Blaine

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Cherokee Freedman  
D-121.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Hannah and Zadie Johnson, as Cherokee Freedmen.

O R D E R.

It appears from the record in this case that on April 19, 1901, John Johnson appeared before this Commission, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his minor child, Hannah Johnson, as a Cherokee Freedman. On November 6, 1901, written application was made to this Commission for the enrollment of Zadie Johnson, as a Cherokee Freedman.

The evidence in this case shows that the applicants Hannah and Zadie Johnson are the minor children of John Johnson, who is identified as an adopted colored upon the 1880 Authenticated Cherokee Roll, and whose name appears as No. 1479 upon the lists prepared by this Commission of persons entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and approved by the Secretary of the Interior January 16, 1903. It further appears that John Johnson has resided in the Cherokee Nation all his life and the residence of his minor children is taken to be that of their father.

It is therefore ordered that the said Hannah Johnson and Zadie Johnson, whose names now appear upon card, Cherokee Freedmen D-121, be transferred to card, Cherokee Freedmen 566.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

February 15, 1905.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedman  
586.

Muskogee, Indian Territory. February 17, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of an order, dated February 15, 1905 and signed by Commissioner Bixby, transferring the names of Hannah and Zadio Johnson from Cherokee Freedman-D card, number 121 to Cherokee Freedman card, number 586. The enrollment of the said Hannah and Zadio Johnson upon Cherokee Freedman-D-121 has been cancelled, and the inclosed names, information, and notations made upon Cherokee Freedman 586.

Respectfully,

SIGNED: *Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

Encl. B.1.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 586.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 3, 1906.

Blue & Bulger,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of March 29, 1906, asking to be advised as to the status of the application for the enrollment of John Johnson as a Cherokee freedman.

In reply you are advised that the name John Johnson appears upon a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on January 16, 1903, opposite No. 1479.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED). *Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMS BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE

WM. O. BEALY,  
Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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POWER TO REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Cherokee Freedmen

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ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 27, 1906.

John Johnson,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the names of your minor children, Hannah Johnson and Zadie Johnson appear upon a partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior on April 19, 1906.

You are further advised that you will be permitted to make allotment selections for those whom you are entitled to represent when your ticket of admission is reached in the regular order.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman.



REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Cherokee

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES:

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 10, 1906

John Johnson,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of June 23, asking when you may make application for the enrollment of your minor children, and file an application for an allotment of land for them.

In reply you are advised that applications for the enrollment of minor children living March 4, 1906, born to recognized citizens of the Cherokee Nation, may be made at any time prior to midnight of July 25, 1906. You will not be allowed to make an application for an allotment of land in the Cherokee nation for them until their names have been placed upon a final schedule of citizens of the Cherokee nation, and the same is approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

John Johnson---2

The names of your children, Hannah and Zadie Johnson, appear upon a schedule of citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation approved by the secretary of the Interior, opposite numbers 3852 and 3853, respectively, and allotment selections may be made for them at any time.

That part of your letter relative to certain lands in the Cherokee Nation will be made the subject of a separate communication.

For your convenience two blank forms of birth affidavit for the enrollment of minor children are enclosed herewith.

Respectfully,



Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

# NOTICE!

## Enrollment of Minor Children of Citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

By the Act of Congress Approved April 26, 1906 (H. R. 5976), entitled "An Act to provide for the final disposition of the affairs of the Five Civilized Tribes In the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," it was provided as follows:

"That for ninety days after the approval hereof applications shall be received for enrollment of children who were minors living March fourth, nineteen hundred and six, whose parents have been enrolled as members of the \* \* \* Cherokee tribe, or have applications for enrollment pending at the approval hereof, and for the purpose of enrollment under this section illegitimate children shall take the status of the mother, and allotments shall be made to children so enrolled. If any citizen of the Cherokee tribe shall fail to receive the full quantity of land to which he is entitled as an allotment, he shall be paid out of any of the funds of such tribe a sum equal to twice the appraised value of the amount of land thus deficient."

Notice is hereby given that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes will, up to and inclusive of midnight of Wednesday, July 25, 1906, receive applications for the enrollment of minor children who were living March 4, 1906, and whose parents have been enrolled as members of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, or who had applications pending April 26, 1906

Such applications may be made personally at any time up to and inclusive of July 25, 1906, at the general office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Applications by mail should be addressed to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, Muskogee, Indian Territory, and mailed in sufficient time to reach the office of the Commissioner at Muskogee, Indian Territory, not later than July 25, 1906.

The Commissioner will maintain appointments at various towns in the Cherokee Nation for the reception of said applications, as follows:

BARTLESVILLE, May 7th to 11th inclusive;

# CITIZENS OF THE CHEROKEE Nation.

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CLAREMORE, May 14th to 16th, inclusive;  
VINITA, May 17th to 19th, inclusive;  
SPAVINAW, May 21st to 25th, inclusive;  
KANSAS, May 28th to June 1st, inclusive;  
TAHLEQUAH, June 4th to 8th, inclusive;  
WESTVILLE, June 11th to 13th, inclusive;  
SALLISAW, June 14th to 16th, inclusive;  
COOKSON, June 18th to 22nd, inclusive;  
PORUM, June 25th to 29th, inclusive.

All such applications must be made to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and submitted upon the blanks provided for that purpose by this office.

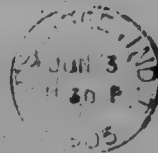
The rules of the Commissioner require that applications for the enrollment of minor children be accompanied by the affidavit of the mother and the attending physician or midwife at the birth of the child. In event that either of the affiants are unable to write, signatures by mark must be attested by two witnesses. Each affidavit must be executed before a notary public and the notarial seal of the officer must be attached to each separate affidavit.

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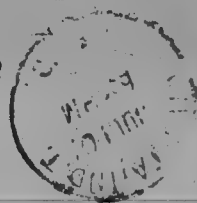
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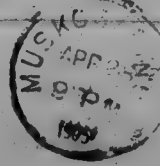
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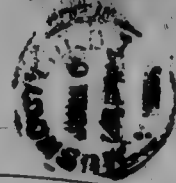


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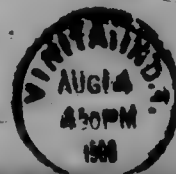
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Q What is her name? A. Sarah.  
Q Do you know who she married? A. No.  
Q Never heard? A. Yes sir, I have heard.  
Q What was it that you heard her name was? A. Johnson.  
Q Did you know her mother? A. No sir.  
Q But you have always understood that she was a Johnson? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever hear the name of her father and mother? A. I have  
heard it but don't recollect them.  
Q But you do know that she is understood to have been a Johnson  
before she married this man? A. Yes sir.

By Court's direction,--

The applicant applies for the enrollment of  
himself, his wife and one child; he is identified on the  
roll of 1880, and the census roll of 1880 as a Cherokee  
freeman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life  
and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
freeman. His wife is identified on the roll of 1880 and  
1886 as a Cherokee freeman, and on the latter roll as his  
wife; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life;  
her change of name arising from her marriage to the appli-  
cant is satisfactorily established by her association with  
him on the census roll of 1880 and by his and other personal  
testimony, and she will be listed for enrollment as a  
Cherokee freeman. Their child, Martha, is living, is duly  
identified on the roll of 1880 and will be listed for  
enrollment as a Cherokee freeman.

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Onas. von Weiss, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Com-  
missioner to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the  
proceedings in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is  
a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901, at  
Fort Gibson, I. T.

Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 15th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lincoln Alberty for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; He being sworn by Commissioner S. A. Brockinridge, testified as follows

- Q What is your name? A. Lincoln Alberty.  
Q What is your age? A. About 30,  
Q What is your post office address? A. Wagoner.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowee  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and child.  
Q Only one child? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. I have been here all my lifetime  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. M. Alberty.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Pelly.  
Q Is she alive? A. No sir she is dead.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A. Cant say how long she has been dead.  
Q As near as you can come to it? A. She died here at Fort Gibson over 20 years ago, I cant tel just exactly.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A. Jennie.  
Q How old is she? A. About 37.  
Q When did you and your wife marry? A. A little over 20 years ago.  
Q Is she on the roll of 1880 with you? A. Yes sir.  
Q And there as your wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A. George Johnson.  
Q Is he alive? A. No sir he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. I dont know.  
Q More than 20 years you think? A. No sir not that long.  
Q Give me the name of your wifes mother? A. Rachel  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. She has been dead about 8 or 9 years  
Q Do you claim that your wife is a Cherokee IN HER OWN RIGHT Freedman in her own right? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A. Martha.  
Q How old? A. 11.  
Q This child is living now is it? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 612, No 5, Lincoln Alberty, Saline district.  
Page 642, No. 595, Jennie Johnson, Saline district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 585, No. 24, Lincoln Alberty, Cooweescoowee district  
Page 585, No. 25, Jennie Alberty, Cooweescoowee district  
Page 585, No. 26, Martha Alberty, Cooweescoowee district

- Q Who is there here that knows that you and your wife are living together as husband and wife? A. Jerry Alberty.

WYSSSES CAMPBELL, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows

- Q What is your name? A. Wyssses Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A. 35.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Wagoner.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Ever since 1887.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, ~~WYSSSES~~ Lincoln Alberty? A. Yes sir  
Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes sir.

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Q What is her name? A. Jennie  
Q Do you know who she was before she married this husband? A. No sir.  
Q Never hear? A. Yes sir, I have heard.  
Q What was it that you heard her name was? A. Johnson.  
Q Did you know her mother? A. No sir.  
Q But you have always understood that she was a Johnson? A. Yes sir  
Q Did you ever hear the name of her father and mother? A. I have heard it but don't recollect them.  
Q But you do know that she is understood to have been a Johnson before she married this man? A. Yes sir.

By Gen'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child; he is identified on the roll of 1880, and the census roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, and on the latter roll as his wife; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her change of name arising from her marriage to the applicant is satisfactorily established by her association with him on the census roll of 1896 and by his and other personal testimony, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Their child, Martha, is living, is only identified on the roll of 1896 and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 20th of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*C. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901

Post Office

Wagoner

District

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1. Name Lincoln Alberty Age 39

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 612No. 5District Saline

Parents:

Father

M Alberty

Citizenship

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Mother

Pollie Alberty

Citizenship

Col(D)2. Name of wife Jennie Alberty Age 37

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 642No. 598District Saline

Parents:

Father

George Johnson

Citizenship

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Mother

Rachel

Citizenship

ColD

Names of Children:

3. Martha Alberty Year 1896 Page 395 No. 25 Dist. Coo 11

4. Year Page No. Dist.

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sam Rider for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; He being sworn by Commissioner S. B. Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Sam Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 51.  
Q What is your post office? A. Chantam.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. James Rider.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Catherine.  
Q Is your mother dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. I cant say exactly, she has been dead some 23 or '4 years.  
Q You have never lived out of the Cherokee Nation you say? A. No sir

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant identified thereon as follows: for  
Page 166, No. 2456, Sam Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 418, No. 532, Samuel Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant is duly identified on the roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23d day of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.



Commissioner.



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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 19 1901

Post Office Cherokee

District Co

1. Name Sam Rider

Age 31

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 2456

District

Co

Parents:

Father

Jas Rider

Citizenship

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Mother

Catherine Rider

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
April 30, 1906.

Cherokee allotment 1897,  
Case No. 308 and 428.

In the matter of the application of Bertha Rider, enrolled as Bertha Vann, to complete her allotment in the Cherokee Nation.

Sam Rider, being first duly sworn by Chas. H. Webster, a notary public, was examined on behalf of the Commissioner and testified as follows:

Q What is your name?  
A Sam Rider.  
Q What is your age?  
A 34.  
Q What is your post office address?  
A Chateau, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Your purpose in appearing before the Cherokee Land Office to-day is to complete the allotment selection of your wife, Bertha Rider, is it?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is the mother of Bertha Rider?  
A Sarah Vann.  
Q When did you marry Bertha Rider?  
A December 28, 1903.  
Q Do you live together at the present time?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you land selected from which you wish to complete her allotment?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she seen this land?  
A No, sir, she hasn't seen it.  
Q Have you been over and examined this land?  
A No, sir, just selected it for my fraction land.  
Q How much is coming to her?  
A 10 acres.  
Q 80-cent land?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You haven't seen this land at all?  
A No, sir.

Witness excused.

I George A. Lowell, being first duly sworn, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes I recorded the testimony in the above entitled action and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this first day of May, 1906.

*George A. Lowell*  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 19th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eunice Welch for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Eunice Welch  
Q How old are you? A. 21.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who else do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Ike Welch.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Sylvia Thompson.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q She is not living with your father? A. No sir.  
Q They have parted have they? A. Yes sir.  
Q You say your mothers name is Sylvia Thompson? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever hear any name besides Welch? A. My grandmother registered me as Thornton.  
Q When did your father and mother part? A. Ten years ago.  
Q Did your grandmother bring you up? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your grandmothers name? A. Nancy Thornton.  
Q Is she alive? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 590, No. 1923, Unice Thornton, Illinois district.

- Q How long has your grand mother been dead? A. Four years.  
Q Were you still living with your grandmother when she died? A. No sir  
I staid with my mamma then.  
Q Did you go by the name of Thompson when you lived with your mamma?  
A No sir, I went by the name of Welch  
Q You drew Strip money did you? A. Yes sir.

Kerne-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 58, No. 955, Unice Thornton, Illinois district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant not identified thereon.

WILLIAM HUDSON, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows

- Q What is your name? A. William Hudson.  
Q How old are you? A. 55.  
Q What is your post office? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. I came back here the first dg of May, 1896.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, Eunice Welch? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know her mother? A. Yes.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Sib Thompson.  
Q Was this girl brought up by her grandmother? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was her grandmother's name? A. Nancy Thornton.  
Q This girls mother used to be married to another man besides Thompson?  
A Yes sir to a man named Welch.  
Q And this as a daughter of that marriage is it? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she been known some times as Eunice Thornton, her grandmother's name? A. Yes sir, they called her that when she lived with her grandmother, and they call her by her father's name now.

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By Sam's Breckinridge,-

The applicant is now identified on the rolls of 1880 and the Census of 1890, and she is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. The variation in her name arises from her having been brought up by her grandmother, whose name was Thornton, and which name she was given in at her previous enrollments. Since the death of her grandmother she has assumed her own name and proper name, and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman under the name of Emilee Welch.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cases and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 2nd day of April, 1891,  
at Fort Gibson, I. T.



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ACTING CHAIRMAN



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 18 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Ill

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(11) Name of wife to Eunice Welch Age 21

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 590 No. 1923 District Ill

Parents:

Father Ike Welch Citizenship Col

Mother Silva Thompson Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

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Commissioner:

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Nation: Cherokee Freedman and the said, Field No. 282.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Muskogee, I. T., August 2, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the application of Eunice Welch for enrollment as a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation; Cherokee Freedman straight card, Field No. 589.

From information given the Commission this day, the applicant in this case is identified upon the 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, Page 955, #376, Illinois District, as Unious Maskey, adopted colored, appearing upon said roll with her half brothers and sisters.

  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leander Thompson  
as a citizen of

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

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L. A. Beckwith  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leander Thompson

as a citizen of

Cherokee

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Leander Thompson, born on the 23 day of June, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Wayes Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eunice Welch a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District.

I, Eunice Welch, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Wayes Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 23 day of June, 1902 that said child has been  
named Leander Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Amiel Welch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of October, 1902.

Bruce C Jones  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
\_\_\_\_\_ District.

I, Lydie White, a Citizen on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eunice Welch <sup>not the</sup> wife of Wayes Thompson  
on the 23 day of June, 1902, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Leander Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Lydie White  
Stank

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28 day of October, 1902.

H. D. H. Bride  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T., February 3, 1905.

In the matter of the application of Eunice Welch for the enrollment of herself and child, Leander Thompson, as Cherokee Freedmen, F-589.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

JIM VANN, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

Q What is your name ? A Jim Vann.  
Q How old are you ? A 28.  
Q What is your post-office ? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman ? A Yes.  
Q Are you married ? A Yes.  
Q Married since the enrollment ? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife ? A Eunice Vann.  
Q Was her name Eunice Welch when you married her ? A Yes.  
Q Has she a child named Leander Thompson ? A Yes.  
Q When were you married ? A Don't know, exactly, last fall.  
Q Know what month ? A No.  
Q Were you married by United States license ? A Yes.  
Q It was this past fall ? A Yes.  
Q Was she ever married before you married her ? A No.

Stuart B. Stone, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 3rd day of February, 1905.

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Stuart B. Stone  
Notary Public.

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SMOKE TO THE APPLICANT BEFORE ME THIS THE 28TH OF MARCH, 1901.

THE AND COMPLETE TRANSLATION OF THE APPLICANT'S OWN STATEMENT.  
 PROCEEDINGS AND TESTIMONY IN THE ABOVE CASE, AND THE FOLLOWING IS A  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 30, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Tucker for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Lewis Tucker, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Lewis Tucker.
- Q How old are you? A I don't know my age exactly, I expect I am about 30 years old.
- Q What is your post office? A Braggs.
- Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.
- Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes, sir.
- Q Whom do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and one child.
- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been born and raised in the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A Joe Tucker.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has he been dead? A I just can't say how long, he got killed I think during the war.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Ruthia.
- Q Is your mother dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A I can't say, she got killed after the war was over by the horses.
- Q Give me the name of your wife? A Ann.
- Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right. A Yes, sir.
- Q How old is your wife? A She is about 40 I expect.
- Q When were you and your wife married? A We were married about 20 years ago; about 22 years ago.
- Q Were you ever married except to her? A No, sir.
- Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir, she never was married, but she lived with another man.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's father? A I think she said her father was named Daniel Ashley, but I don't know him.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, I suppose so.
- Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Peggy.
- Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long has she been dead? A I think she died in 1835.
- Q Give me the name of your child? A Will.
- Q How old is that child? A 2 years old, going on 3.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Lewis Tucker identified thereon, page 591, No. 1945, Illinois district.
- Q Were you living in Illinois district 20 years ago? A Yes, sir.
- The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant, Lewis Tucker, identified thereon, page 964, No. 590, Illinois district.
- Q Did your wife draw Cherokee strip money? A No, sir.
- Q Your wife isn't on any of the rolls? A She is on the Wallace roll.
- Q Give me the name of this man that lived with your wife before she married you? A John Rogers.
- Q Is he dead? A No, sir.
- Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A He is a Cherokee.
- Q Where does he live now? A He lives at Braggs.
- Q How old is he? A I expect he is older than I am.
- Q How long did she live with this man John Rogers? A Now I don't know.
- Q When was that? A That was after the war.
- Q

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Q Did she have any children by that name? A She had one, supposed to.

Q Has John Rogers got a child named Emma and one named Katie?

A Yes, sir, I think so.

Q Do you know the name of John Rogers' present wife? A Her name is Emma I think.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Ann Tucker not identified thereon.

The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Ann Tucker not identified thereon.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokees examined and the name of John Rogers found thereon, page 574, No. 1544, Illinois district, Native Cherokee.

The 1890 census roll of Cherokees examined, and the name of John Rogers found thereon, page 63, No. 1721, Canadian district, as Native Cherokee.

Q Do you know whether John Rogers ever lived with this woman as his wife before he lived with your wife? A No, sir, I don't.

Q You don't know that he ever did? A No, sir.

Q You don't know that he ever didn't? A No, sir.

Mr. W.W. Hastings, attorney for Cherokee Nation: I believe you stated that you didn't know that your wife had ever been married to John Rogers? A Yes, sir, I stated that; that she hadn't.

Q That she hadn't? A That she hadn't.

Q Did your wife used to live in the Choctaw Nation before the war? A I don't know anything about it.

Q You have information from her to that effect, haven't you?

A Yes, sir.

Q She belonged to a Choctaw down there before the war? A Belonged to John Brown down there.

Q And John Brown's father was named Brown? A Yes, sir.

Q And this John Brown lived in the Choctaw Nation at the beginning of the war and so did your wife? A Yes, sir.

Q And he was part Choctaw? A Yes, sir, his mother was Choctaw I suppose, his daddy was a Cherokee.

Commissioner: Did your wife ever have anything to do with the Choctaw Nation? A While she was small, I suppose her owners, when this war come up.

Q Where was your wife born? A She was born down on Illinois River.

Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, that is what she tells me.

Q Did you ever live in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir, she was over there.

Q But she was born in the Cherokee Nation, was she? A Yes, sir, that is what she tells me.

Q Was her father a slave in the Cherokee Nation in old times; you don't know, do you? A No, sir.

Q Was her mother a slave in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q What you mean then is that when the war closed and your wife was set free by the war, she was a Cherokee colored woman, but was at that moment in the Choctaw Nation; is that what you mean? A Yes, sir, that is what she claims.

Mr. Hastings: Your wife according to the information that she gives you went to the Choctaw Nation before the war, didn't she?

A I suppose Dick Brown got killed in the Choctaw Nation.

Commissioner: What did Dick Brown have to do with her? A That was her father, and after he got killed of course she went to Dick Brown's heirs.

Q Was he killed during the war? A He was killed at a meeting before the war.

Q He lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir, got killed over in the Choctaw Nation.

Q I asked you where he lived? A Yes, sir, I suppose he lived

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ever there.

Q Did he have a farm over there? A No, sir, he didn't have any farm.

Q What makes you think he lived over there? A They told me he lived over there when he got killed.

Mr. Hastings: His wife was a Choctaw? A Yes, sir.

Q And his wife was Choctaw? A Half Choctaws and half Cherokees.

Q They lived in the Choctaw Nation at the beginning of the war? A Yes, sir.

Q And she was ever there and belonged to them? A One of them children.

Commissioner: Was Dick Brown killed during the war or before the war? A In the coming up of the war I understand.

Q Was he killed in a fight between soldiers or a private fight? A In just a private fight.

Q And he was living in the Choctaw Nation at the time? A Yes, sir.

Q And married to a Choctaw? A Yes, sir.

Q And your wife's people belonged to his wife, or did they belong to Dick Brown himself? A Belonged to Dick Brown.

Q But he carried them over to the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir, so they tell me.

Q Have you ever applied to have your wife enrolled as a Choctaw Freedman? A No, sir, never did; she never claimed a right over there; she said she never belonged to any Choctaw.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and one child. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

In regard to his wife and child, the testimony involves a number of points that cannot be properly considered at this time, and his wife and child will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card. It is possible that his wife may have some status as a Choctaw Freedman, but at present reference is merely made to the testimony for further consideration of the case of the wife and the child. It also should be noted that his wife was possibly married or lived as husband and wife with one John Rogers, who seems to be satisfactorily identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a native Cherokee, and the question may arise as to whether she acquired rights as an intermarried Cherokee, and if so, what affect her subsequent marriage to the applicant would have upon those rights.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd of April, 1901.

*W. H. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office *Bozys*District *Illinois*1. Name *Lewis Tucker*Age *50*

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year *1880*Page *591*No. *1945*District *Ill*

Parents:

Father

*Joe Tucker*

Citizenship

*Col*

Mother

*Ruthie Tucker*

Citizenship

*Col*

2. Name of wife

*Anna Tucker*Age *48*

Owners name

Citizenship

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District

Parents:

Father

*David Ashby*

Citizenship

*Col*

Mother

*Peggie*

Citizenship

*Col*

Names of Children:

3. *William Tucker*

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Application made by

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Stenographer

*James B. C.*(1) - *96 Roll 964 # 590 Ill.*

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(3) *Proof of Birth to be filed.*

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rufus Nivens for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Rufus Nivens, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Rufus Nivens.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 55 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois district.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Nose Nivens.  
Q Is your father alive? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Patsy Nivens.  
Q Is your mother alive? A No, sir, she is dead too.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q You never applied for enrollment with any other tribe or nation?  
A No, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 786, No. 1515, Tahlequah district, as Rufus Nivens.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 967, No. 485, Tahlequah Illinois district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*  
Commissioner.

B. J. 5-91.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Ill

1. Name Rufus Nivens

Age 33

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 786 No. 1513 District Tall

Parents:

Father Mose Nivens

Citizenship Col

Mother Patsie

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer Jones B. G.

1/10-80 Roll of Rufus Nivens

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Department of the Interior,  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charles Stidmon for en-  
rollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Charles Stidmon, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Brookridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your full name? A Charles Stidmon.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your past office? A Post Office.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q When do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Sam Stidmon.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Polly Stidmon.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A Five or six years.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment with any other tribe or  
nation? A No, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and  
the applicant identified thereon, page 287, No. 1884, Illinois  
district, as Charles Stidmon.  
Q The 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the  
applicant identified thereon, page 282, No. 222, Illinois  
district, as Charles Stidmon.

Commissioner Brookridge: The applicant is identi-  
fied on the rolls of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman.  
He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will  
be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Witness G. Jones, being duly sworn, and examined by Commissioner  
Brookridge, testified as follows:  
Q Have that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized  
Tribes be correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the  
above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of  
his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Charles Stidman for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Charles Stidman, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A Charles Stidman.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Sam Stidman.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Dolly Stidman.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has your mother been dead? A Five or six years.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment with any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 587, No. 1634, Illinois district, as Charlie Stidman.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 963, No. 552, Illinois district, as Charley Stidman.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, ~~and examined by Commissioner~~  
says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

*B. G. Jones*  
*A. Breckinridge*

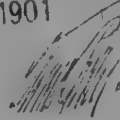
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901Post Office Fort GibsonDistrict Ill1. Name Charles StedmanAge 23

Owner's name

Year 1880Page 587No. 1634District Ill

Citizenship

Parents:

Father Sam StedmanCitizenship Col LivingMother DollieCitizenship Col D

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by No 1Stenographer James B C

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Charles Stedman

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Simon Thompson - 2.

Q Did you see Simon have a wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q What has become of her? A She is lying at the point of death.  
Q Have they any children? A No, sir, none living.  
Q Where does your son's wife live? A She lives out there

about half a mile from me.  
Q How long has she been sick? A She has been sick about 10 or  
three months.

Q You say she is very sick? A Yes, sir, she had got the rattles  
now, the doctor has given her up; he says he can't do her any good.  
Simon Thompson on page 1224, No. 220, Tallequah district;  
Hypert Thompson on page 1224, No. 220, Tallequah district;  
Aaron Thompson on page 1224, No. 220, Tallequah district;  
Lydia Thompson on page 1224, No. 224, Tallequah district.

Q Now your wife Lydia you claim is a Cherokee by blood?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q But she is enrolled as an adopted colored? A Yes, sir.  
Q You claim that these children are Cherokee Freedmen, do you?  
A Yes, sir, I will have to claim them.  
Q And you want them enrolled as that? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Brockbridge: The applicant applies for the  
enrollment of himself and three children. He is identified on  
the rolls of 1880 and 1895 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has  
lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be  
listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His oldest  
child, Simon Thompson, is said to be at this time in the peni-  
tentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He is identified on the rolls  
of 1880 and 1895 as a Cherokee Freedman, and he will be listed  
for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card,  
to enable the Commission to consult the Court records in  
case it wishes to do so. The two younger children, Hypert and  
Aaron, are duly identified on the roll of 1895. Their deceased  
mother is identified with her husband on the rolls of 1880 and  
1895, these children are now living, and they will be listed  
for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, deposes that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd of April, 1901.

Commissioner.



Doubtful as to Simon Thompson

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 30, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Bart Thompson for the enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Bart Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Bart Thompson.  
Q What is your post office? A Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q When do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I have two boys; three boys.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Been here all my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father's name was Dave.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, he died away before the war.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Celie.  
Q Is your mother dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 30 years I reckon.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Oh yes.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Simon.  
Q How old is Simon? A He isn't here, he is in the pen, I have got to dictate for him.  
Q How old is Simon? A He is about 35.  
Q Why doesn't Simon apply for himself? A He is in the pen.  
Q Where is he in prison? A Leavenworth.  
Q How long has he been there? A Been there mighty near two years.  
Q Where was he convicted? A Muskogee.  
Q How long has he got to stay? A He has got about a year to stay yet.  
Q You want to apply for him for that reason? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is at Leavenworth, Kansas, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Egypt.  
Q How old is Egypt? A He is nine years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Aaron.  
Q How old is Aaron? A 14.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A Lydia.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died last October.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A She was a Cherokee, yes, sir.  
Q Cherokee by blood? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Her father's name was Adams.  
Q His full name? A That is all I knew about him, old man Adams.  
Q Is he dead, is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Many years? A Many years.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A I don't know her.  
Q Did your wife live in the Cherokee Nation all her life?  
A Yes, sir, all her life.  
Q How old was she when she died? A I guess she was about 70 years old I reckon.  
Q When did you and she marry? A We married about 30 years ago I reckon; we lived together I think 32 years.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 814, No. 2335, Tahlequah district;

Lydia Thompson on page 814, No. 2336, Tahlequah district, as Lidda Thompson;

Simon Thompson on page 814, No. 2338, Tahlequah district.

The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Simon Thompson - 2.

Bart Thompson on page 1324, No. 523, Tahlequah district.

Q Did your son Simon have a wife? A Yes, sir.

Q What has become of her? A She is lying at the point of death.

Q Have they any children? A No, sir, none living.

Q Where does your son's wife live? A She lives out there about half a mile from me.

Q How long has she been sick? A She has been sick about ten or three months.

Q You say she is very sick? A Yes, sir, she had got the rattles now, the doctor has given her up; he says he can't do her any good.

Simon Thompson on page 1325, No. 530, Tahlequah district;

Egypt Thompson on page 1324, No. 526, Tahlequah district;

Aaron Thompson on page 1324, No. 529, Tahlequah district;

Lydia Thompson on page 1324, No. 524, Tahlequah district.

Q Now your wife Lydia you claim is a Cherokee by blood?

A Yes, sir.

Q But she is enrolled as an adopted colored? A Yes, sir.

Q You claim that these children are Cherokee Freedmen, do you?

A Yes, sir, I will have to claim them.

Q And you want them enrolled as that? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and three children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His oldest child, Simon Thompson, is said to be at this time in the penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card, to enable the Commission to consult the Court records in case it wishes to do. The two younger children, Egypt and Aaron, are duly identified on the roll of 1896. Their deceased mother is identified with her husband on the rolls of 1880 and 1896, these children are now living, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INT  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901Post Office Fort GibsonDistrict Tahle1. Name Bart ThompsonAge 60

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 814 No. 2335 District Tahle

Parents:

Father

Dave Thompson

Citizenship

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Mother

Celie

Citizenship

Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year Page No. District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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| 1  | <u>Simon Thompson</u> | Year <u>1880</u> | Page <u>814</u>  | No. <u>2338</u> | Dist. <u>Tahle</u> | <u>25</u> |
| 2  | <u>Egypt</u>          | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>1324</u> | No. <u>526</u>  | Dist. <u>Tahle</u> | <u>19</u> |
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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer

James B.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
CHEROKEE FREEDMEN CENSUS CARD NO. 893,  
Nov. 19, 1918.  
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RESIDENCE: Tahlequah District

POST OFFICE: Ft. Gibson, I. T.

CHEROKEE

## Nation. Freedmen Roll.

CARD NO.

FIELD NO. 593

| DAWES' ROLL NO. | NAME                    | RELATIONSHIP TO PERSON FIRST NAMED | AGE | SEX | TRIBAL ENROLLMENT |                                                              | SLAVE OF          | REMARKS        |
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| 1489            | 1 Thompson, Bart        |                                    | 60  | M   | 1880              | Tahlequah                                                    | 2355              | J. A. Thompson |
| 1490            | 2 " , Egypt             | Son                                | 19  | M   | 1896              | "                                                            | 526               |                |
| 1491            | 3 " , Aaron             | Son                                | 14  | M   | 1897              | "                                                            | 128               |                |
| 4               |                         |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 5               | Citizenship Certificate |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 6               | Issued for No. 1-----   |                                    |     |     |                   | No. 1 on 1896 Roll page 1324                                 | No. 523 Tah. Dis. |                |
| 7               | Nov. 17, 1904.          |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 8               | Citizenship Certificate |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 9               | Issued for No. 2-----   |                                    |     |     |                   | No. 2 & 3, Mother on 1880 Roll Page 814, No. 2338, Tah. Dis. |                   |                |
| 10              | Dec. 4, 1905.           |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 11              | Citizenship Certificate |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 12              | Issued for No. 3-----   |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
| 13              | May 22, 1905.           |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |
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| 17              | See Cherokee Freedmen   |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   | APRIL 20, 1901 |
| 18              | Card No. D130.          |                                    |     |     |                   |                                                              |                   |                |

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON REVERSE SIDE.

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|    | NAME OF FATHER | FATHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT |        | FATHER'S OWNER | NAME OF MOTHER | MOTHER'S TRIBAL ENROLLMENT |               | MOTHER'S OWNER |
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|    |                | YEAR                       | No.    |                |                | YEAR                       | No.           |                |
| 1  | Dave Thompson  | Dead                       | Saline | J.A. Thompson  | Celia Thompson | Dead                       | Saline        | J.A. Thompson  |
| 2  | No. 1          |                            |        |                | Lydia Thompson | "                          | Cherokee City |                |
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Cherokee Freedmen Census Card No. 23,  
*W. H. Myers*  
 Cherokee  
 Nov. 19, 1918.  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 30, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lela Vann for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedman.  
Lela Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Brockmire, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Lela Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I am 28.  
Q What is your post office? A Lempach.  
Q In what district do you live? A Doonesboro.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A A child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born here.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Ed Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About 2 years and ten months.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Fannie Vann.  
Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Been dead about 17 years.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Willie. (Exhibiting birth certificate.)

Q How old is that child? A She is four years old.  
Q The child is living now, is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q You state here in the birth certificate that the father of this child is Wiley Morris? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married to Morris? A No, sir.  
Q You never took his name? A No, sir.  
Q This is your own natural child? A Yes, sir.  
Q The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 127, No. 2080, and the 1880 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 424, No. 681, Doonesboro district, as Lela Vann; note on roll "On 1880 roll as Lela." Q Your right given name is Lela? A My sister's name is Lela but they got our names mixed up; she is younger than I am; who taken my name and I taken hers.  
Q How old is your sister? A She is about 30 I guess.

Commissioner Brockmire: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1890 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She applies for enrollment for a child, William Vann, four years of age. She states that she never took the name of the father of this child, but that it is her own natural child. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of this child it will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Trace G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th day of April, 1901.  
Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 30, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lula Vann for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedman.

Lula Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Lula Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I am 33.  
Q What is your post office? A Lenapah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A A child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born here.  
Q Have you lived here all your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Eli Vann.  
Q Is he alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About 3 years and ten months.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Patience Vann.  
Q She is dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Been dead about 17 years.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Willie. (exhibiting birth certificate.)  
Q How old is that child? A She is four years old.  
Q The child is living now, is it? A Yes, sir.  
Q You state here in the birth certificate that the father of this child is Wiley Morris? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married to Morris? A No, sir.  
Q You never took his name? A No, sir.  
Q This is your own natural child? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 193, No. 3060, Laura Vann, Cooweescoowee district;  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 424, No. 661, Cooweescoowee district, as Lula Vann; note on roll "On 1880 roll as Laura."  
Q Your right given name is Lula? A My sister's name is Laura but they got our names mixed up; she is younger than I am; she taken my name and I taken here.  
Q How old is your sister? A She is about 20 I guess.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She applies for enrollment for a child, William Vann, four years of age. She states that she never took the name of the father of this child, but that it is her own natural child. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of this child it will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 2nd day of April, 1901.

*B. C. Jones*  
Commissioner.

B. F. 594

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1961Post Office SenepahDistrict Coo

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Lula Vann Age 22

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 193 No. 3060 District Coo

Parents:

Father Eli Vann Citizenship Col DMother Patience Vann Citizenship Col D

Names of Children:

|                       | Year | Page | No. | Dist.    |
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| 1. <u>Willie Vann</u> |      |      |     | <u>4</u> |
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Application made by no 61Stenographer James B. G.

(1) - 80 Roll on "Laura Vann"

(2) - 96 Roll 424 #661 Coo

(2) Affidavit 1 Birth filed

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 594

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Willie Yaw*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

*April 20*

1901

*W. H. H. H. H.*  
Commissioner

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Millie Vann (Here insert name of child), born on the 7 day of May, 1897.  
Name of Father: Wiley Morris, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lula Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Lenapeh I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, Lula Vann, on oath state that I am 32  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Wiley Morris, who is a citizen, X  
of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 7 day of May, 1897; that said child has been  
named Millie Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lula Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

Geo. F. Hare  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northern District. }

I, hereby certify, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. the mid wife ~~wife~~ is dead or where about  
on the day of unknown; that there was born to her on  
said date a (male or female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lula Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.

Geo. F. Hare  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 20th, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Thompson for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Thompson being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Carrie Thompson.  
Q You are named Thompson now are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom do you wish to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q You have only two? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Born here.  
Q Lived here all your life? A yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Bart Thompson.  
Q Is he alive? A yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Lizzie Thompson.  
Q Is she alive? A No, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She died in '92.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Rosa Dennis.  
Q How old is that child? A She is four years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Fanny Dennis.  
Q How old is that child? A She is about two years old.  
Q Have you ever been married? A No, sir.  
Q These are your own natural children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you give them the name of Dennis? A Yes, sir.  
Q Didn't you live with this man Dennis? A No, sir.  
Q Why don't you give these children your own name; you have never been married to their father? A No, sir.  
BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative:  
Q Are you keeping house together, you and him? A No, sir.  
BY COMMISSIONER BRECKINRIDGE:  
Q Have you ever kept house together? A No, sir.  
Q How do we know that these are not adopted children you are bringing in here with all these names? (No response.)  
Q Where is your father? A He was here a while ago.

BART THOMPSON, having been sworn, testified as follows:  
EXAMINATION BY COMMISSIONER BRECKINRIDGE:

Q What is your name? A Bart Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A About 60 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Been here all my life.  
Q Is this your daughter? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many children has she? A Two.  
Q What does she call these children? A She calls them Dennis.  
Q Rosa and Fanny Dennis? A Yes, sir.  
Q She has never been married to that man Dennis? A No, sir.  
Q Do you know that these children are born to her? A Yes, sir.  
Q No adopted children about it? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 814, #2340, Carrie Thompson, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 1324, #527, Carrie Thompson, Tahlequah district.

CARRIE THOMPSON, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q Was your child Rosa ever called by any other name except Rosa?  
A No, sir.



Carrie Thompson, et al.--2.

- Q You have got a child named Sallie on the roll of 1896? A That is the one Papa was speaking about.  
Q That is the one you call Rosa? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want her called Rosa do you? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's elder child's name found thereon, page 1324, #528, as Sallie Thompson, Tahlequah district.

- Q How did your father happen to put that child down as Sallie; he called it gallie but you didn't authorize him to call it by that name? A He forgot her name, she was not but three weeks old.  
Q And he just put it in as Sallie? A Yes, sir.

COM'R BRUCKENRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two children. She is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her older child, which she gives as Rosa, is identified on the roll as Sallie. She avers that her father had the child enrolled by the name of Sallie but the child's correct name is Rosa. She also insists upon enrolling these children under the surname of Dennis, and her father as well as the applicant states that these are her natural children, though her mother has never borne the name of Dennis. The child, Rosa Dennis, will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee ~~Native~~ Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of birth of the younger child, Fanny Dennis, said to be two years of age, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901Post Office Fort SibanDistrict Tahl

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife Carrie ThompsonAge 22

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 814No. 2340District Tahl

Parents:

Father Bart ThompsonCitizenship ColMother LydieCitizenship Col

Names of Children:

Rosa DennisYear 1896Page 1324No. 528Dist. Tahl4Fannie

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Application made by Ind 1)Stenographer Rosan J. O.(1) 96 Roll1324# 527Tahl(2) 96 Roll "Sallie Thompson"(3) Affidavit of Birth filed.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 5-25-

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Fannie Dennis*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*April 20* 1901  
*A. M. Dennis*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE SEVEN VILLAGES TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Fannie Glennis, born on the 5th day of April, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: June Glennis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, At Gibson I. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Carrie Thompson, on oath state that I am Twenty two  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 5th day of April, 1899; that said child has been  
named Fannie Glennis, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Carrie Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA;  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie Thompson, wife of \_\_\_\_\_,  
on the 5 day of April, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Fannie Glennis.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Martha Vann  
mark  
Josil Sheppard  
G. F. Bailey

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9 day of April, 1901.

G. F. Bailey  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Rosa Dennis

as a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Apr. 20 1901

A. M. McKinire  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Rosa Dennis, born on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896  
(here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: June Dennis, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Carrie Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Ft. Gibson, I. T.

AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Arthum District.

I, Carrie Thompson, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I not am the lawful wife of June Dennis, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1896; that said child has been  
named Rosa Dennis, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901

NOTARY PUBLIC.

AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Arthum District.

I, Susie Campbell, was present, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Carrie Thompson, not wife of June Dennis,  
on the Adoption day of March, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Rosa Dennis.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1901

NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 22, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Carrie Thompson and children Rosa and Fannie Dennis as Cherokee Freedmen.

CARRIE NIVENS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Nivens?  
Q ~~How~~ How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Bart Thompson.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Charles Nivens.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A In March.  
Q What year? A 1905.  
Q This March just passed was it? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

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Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this the 24th day of June, 1905.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.



Cherokee F-595

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 17, 1903.

Carrie Thompson,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There was received by the Commission, on March 16, 1903, a birth affidavit in the matter of the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of Lidda Niven, infant child of yourself and Charley Niven, born March 1, 1902.

The Commission is without authority to receive this application for enrollment for the reason as shown in Section thirty of the Cherokee Agreement proclaimed August 12, 1902, which Section is quoted below:

"Sec. 30. During the months of September and October, in the year nineteen hundred and two, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes may receive applications for enrollment of such infant children as may have been born to recognized and enrolled citizens of the Cherokee Nation on or before the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two, but the application of no person whomsoever for enrollment shall be received after the thirty-first day of October, nineteen hundred and two."

Respectfully,

ORS

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rose Alberty for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Alberty being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Rose Alberty.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 46.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll besides yourself? A One boy.  
Q That is all is it? A I have three children.  
Q How about the other two? A One is marriage and the other is a widow.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born and raised here.  
Q Lived here all your life, have you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A My father was named Isom Nave.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, he is dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead about 18 years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Martha Chouteau.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.  
Q To whom were you married the first time? A Alberty.  
Q Full name? A James Alberty.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead about four or five years, four years.  
Q After he died you married again, did you? A No, sir, me and him separated and I married.  
Q Who did you marry the next time? A Johnson Vann, I am not living with him now.  
Q Is Johnson Vann alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this child the child of Alberty or Vann? A Alberty's.  
Q When did you and Alberty marry? A About, I don't know, it has been so long.  
Q Well, more than twenty years? A About 23 or 24 years I guess.  
Q You are on the 1880 roll as an Alberty, are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Jerry Alberty.  
Q How old is that child? A He is 19.  
Q Is this child living now? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 612, #2, Rose Alberty, Galine District.

The 1896 census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicant's found thereon as follows:

Page 395, #26, Rose Alberty, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 395, #28, Jerry Alberty, Cooweescoowee district.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:)-The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child: She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 under her present name and on the first roll with her deceased husband. She has lived in the Cherokee nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Rose Alberty, et al.--2.

Her child, Jerry Alberty, is duly identified on the roll of 1896. The child is now living, is a minor and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Reason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1901.

*W. B. Smith*  
Commissioner.

*B* *J. L. 96*  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901Post Office ChoktonDistrict Coo

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Rose Alberty Age 46

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 612 No. 2 District Saline

Parents:

Father Sam Nave Citizenship Col DMother Martha Choteau Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. Jerry Alberty Year 1876 Page 395 No. 28 Dist. Coo 19

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by No (1)Stenographer Rosa D

(1) - 96 Roll. 395 #26 Coo

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rose Alberty for the enrollment of her mother, MARTHA CHOUTEAU, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Alberty being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Rose Alberty.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 46.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q For whom do you wish to make application now, your mother?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me your mother's name? A Martha Chouteau.  
Q How old is your mother? A My mother's about 80 years old.  
Q Is she too old and infirm to apply for herself? A Yes, sir; she is crippled.  
Q How long has your mother lived in the Cherokee Nation? A She has lived here all her life.  
Q As far as you know? A Yes, sir; she came here with the Cherokees.  
Q Came here with the Cherokees? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has her name been Chouteau a long time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she on the rolls as Chouteau? A Yes, sir.  
Q She didn't take the name of Nave? A No, sir.  
Q But she has held her name as Chouteau? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 85, #653, Martha Choteau, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 399, #99, Martha Choteau, Cooweescoowee district.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of her mother, whom she states is 80 years of age and crippled and unable to apply for herself. She further states that the mother has lived with the Cherokees all her life and came to the Cherokee Nation when the Cherokee tribe were removed thereto. She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901Post Office ChoteauDistrict Coo

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(11) Name of wife

Martha Choteau

Age

80

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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Rose Alberty

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22d day of April, 1901.

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 reported the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the  
 report to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in connection  
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Master Alberca, et al.--S.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Easter Alberty for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Alberty being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Easter Alberty.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you wish to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir, my child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always.  
Q All your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A James Alberty.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Rose Alberty.  
Q Is she alive? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A About four years.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Owens Jones.  
Q How old is the child? A Four years old.  
Q Have you ever borne the name of Jones? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why are not you Jones now? A He and my husband have parted.  
Q And you have taken the name of Alberty again? A Yes, sir.  
Q When did you and your husband separate? A About two years ago.  
Q Are you on the rolls of 1896 as a Jones or Alberty? A Alberty.

ROSE ALBERTY, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Rose Alberty.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I was born and raised here.  
Q You were enrolled just now, were you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is this your daughter? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the man she married? A Robert Jones.  
Q How long did she and that man Jones live together? A They lived together a little ~~more~~ than a year, about two years.  
Q About how long ago were they married? A About four years ago.  
Q She has a child has she? A Yes, sir.  
Q And she and Jim have parted have they? A Yes, sir.  
Q She calls that child after her husband? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 612, #4, Easter Alberty, Saline District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 395, #27, Easter Alberty, Cooweescoowee District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be lived for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She applies also for the enrollment of a child, Owens Jones. It is by the applicant's testimony and by that of her mother that she was married to a man named Jones, from who she has separated. Her child bears the name of its father. When The Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of this child, it also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Easter Albery, et al.--2.

J. O. Reasen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reasen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 4

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

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(2) Proof of Birth to be filed



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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 098

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Owen Jones*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved,

*April 20*

1901

*A. H. H. H. H.*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES:

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation  
of *Owens Jones* (Here insert name of child), born on the *4* day of *April* 1896  
Name of Father: *Robert Jones*, a citizen of the *MS* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Easter Alberty*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Chouteau ST.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

*North* District.

I, *Easter Alberty*, on oath state that I am *21*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Robert Jones*, who is a citizen, by  
*W.S.*, of the *United States* Nation, that a *male* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *4* day of *April* 1896 that said child has been  
named *Owens Jones*, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Easter Alberty*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *April* 1901.

*J. P. Bludae*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

*North* District.

I, *Rose Alberty*, a *midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Easter Alberty* not *Robert Jones*  
wife of  
on the *4* day of *April* 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a *male* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Owens Jones*.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Easter Alberty*  
*S. M. Windsor*

*Rose Alberty*  
*mark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *20* day of *April* 1901.

*J. P. Bludae*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., October 19, 1904.

Cherokee F-598.

In the matter of the application of Easter Alberty for the enrollment of herself and son, Owens Jones.

Easter Peters, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Easter Peters.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Chouteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A Fred Peters.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A 12th of July, 1904.  
Q Were you married before you married Fred Peters? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your first husband dead? A No sir.  
Q Are you divorced from him? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and Fred Peters living together now? A No sir, we are separated.  
Q How long have you been separated? A About 7 weeks.  
Q You are not divorced from him? A No sir.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1904.

Samuel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 20th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sallie Baker for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Baker being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Sallie Baker.  
Q How old are you? A 29 I guess.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q You want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A One child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A William Baker.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A Oh, about, little over 20 or one odd years.  
Q How long? A Twenty years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? Patsy Hivens.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Over a year.  
Q Have you been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A Frank McCulloch.  
Q Is he dead? A That is what I heard he was.  
Q When were you and he married? A '83.  
Q How long did you and he live together? A A year.  
Q And then you separated did you? A Yes, sir.  
Q And you took your name of Baker? A Yes, sir, that was my name before I married.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Bessie.  
Q Bessie what? A Bessie McCulloch.  
Q How old is this child? A Nine years old.  
Q Who is here that knows that you and this man were married? A There is none of them here.  
Q Now, you say you married this man in 1883, that is 17 or 18 years ago and lived with him one year and you call that child after him? A Yes, sir, that is my child.

WILLIAM DAVIS, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A William Davis.  
Q How old you are? A I am 52.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Do you know this applicant here, Sallie Baker? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A I have knowed her all her life.  
Q Has she ever been married? A That is a little too hard for me.  
Q Has she ever lived with a man and claimed that he was her husband? A No, I never did know her to marry.  
Q Did she ever live with a man named McCulloch? A Not as I know of; I knowed her mother and knowed her father.  
Q Has she got any children? A Yes, sir, she has got a child.  
Q What does she call that child? A I disremember what she calls that child.  
Q Is it a boy or girl? A Girl.  
Q How old is it? A I expect it is seven or eight years old.  
Q You know she has got one child? A Yes, sir.  
Q That is her own child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know whether she calls that child McCulloch? A No, sir, I don't know that.  
Q You don't know what name she gives it? A I know the child and have knowed her ever since she was born, but I didn't pay any attention to children.

Sallie Baker, et al.--2.

The 1880 Authenticated roll ~~was~~ ~~king~~ of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 741, #317, Sally Baker, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 943, #88, Sallie Baker, Illinois District.

Page 943, #89, Bessie Baker, Illinois.

SALLIE BAKER, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

Q Now, do you want this child enrolled as Baker or McCulloch?

A McCulloch.

COM'R BRUCKENRIDGE--The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child: She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She applies for the enrollment of her child, Bessie McCulloch, and states that she and a man by the name of Frank McCulloch, have lived together as husband and wife. This is not entirely sustained by the testimony of an additional witness, but does establish that the applicant has a living child, and this child is identified with her on the roll of 1896 under the name of Baker, ~~in~~ but she desires to have it enrolled as McCulloch, and Bessie McCulloch is said to be now living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J.O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23d day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
COMMISSION ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
REVENUE

APR 20 1900

ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date **APR 20 1901**

Post Office

*Fort Gibson*

District

*Illinois*

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

(1) Name of wife

*Sallie Baker*

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

*William Baker*

Citizenship

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Mother

*Patsie Divens*

Citizenship

*Col D*

Names of Children:

2 *Bessie McCullough*

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Application made by

Stenographer

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*(2) on 1896 Roll as "Bessie Baker"*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHAIRMAN

Approved by Chairman

Cherokee F-599

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., August 6, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Sallie Baker for the enrollment of herself and her daughter, Bessie McCullough, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

SALLIE MANUEL, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A My name is Sallie Manuel.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Wagoner now.  
Q Aren't you nearer 30 than 25? A Yes sir, I guess I am.  
Q Are you enrolled by this Commission as a Cherokee freedman?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a daughter named Bessie McCullough? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she living with you now? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled? A My name is on the roll as Sallie Baker and McCullough too.  
Q You were enrolled as Sallie Baker, weren't you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A 1891.  
Q What is the day and month? A August 2nd.  
Q Got your marriage license and certificate with you? A No sir.  
Q You mean 1901, don't you? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom were you married to? A Sam Manuel.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A No sir, he's a Creek.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 6th day of August, 1903.

Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.

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Commissioner.

Superior and sent to before me this April 25, 1901.

CHIEF CHAIRMAN

file and compare transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.  
 testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a  
 Commission to the said claimed tribes be correctly recorded the  
 H.D. Green being the only sworn states that as stenographer to the

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Proceedings.  
 her title, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee  
 of the applicant; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all  
 her life, and her name is the same as the name in the  
 transcript, a name; the variation in name is explained in a  
 statement of the applicant, and she was enrolled under the  
 it to be in fact the applicant was given by her mother to the  
 filed on the rolls of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman;  
 Com'r Breckinridge. The applicant is then-

Not enrolled. A No sir, she died of the small pox in 1881.  
 I don't know sir. My grandmother enrolled me.  
 How did you happen to be put down in 1880 as Indian?  
 Do you want to be enrolled as a Thompson's A Yes sir.

Henriette Thompson S

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henrietta Thornton for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, she testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Henrietta Thornton.  
Q How old are you? A 25 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? Anybody? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled with any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sylvia Thompson.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A No sir.  
Q Your father is named Mackey and your mother Thompson and you call yourself Thornton? A Yes sir, my grandmother raised me.  
Q Your mother and father, did they live together long? A Yes sir.  
Q And they parted? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your grandmother? A Nancy Thornton.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Four years.  
Q Is there anybody here knows you have been brought up by your mother? A Yes sir, Luster Foreman.

LUSTER FOREMAN, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your full name? A Luster Foreman.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 58 or 60.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vinita.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know this woman here? A Yes sir.  
Q You know her father? A Yes sir.  
Q You know her mother? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her father? A Roswell Mackey.  
Q What is the name of her mother? A Sylvia.  
Q Who brought her up? A Her granny, Nancy Foreman.  
Q How come she didn't live with her own mother? A I don't know how come that; I believe she let her mother raise her; she didn't have no little ones and just let her mother raise this child, and named her after her I guess.  
Q And Sylvia Thompson just gave this child pretty much to her mother? A Yes sir, and she raised her.  
Q Where was this woman born? A In the Cherokee Nation, at Ft. Gibson.  
Q She lived at Ft. Gibson all her life? A Yes sir.  
Q Where does Roswell Mackey live? A Did live at Ft. Gibson; lives in Canadian District now.  
Q Where does Sylvia Thompson? A Here in Illinois District.

1830 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 590 #1921 Henrietta Thornton, Illinois Dist, adopted col'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined  
page 955 #374 Henretta Mackey Illinois District,

Henrietta Thornton 2

Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Thornton? A Yes sir.

Q How did you happen to be put down in 1896 as Mackey?

A I don't know sir. My grandmother enrolled me.

Q Your grandmother was dead at that time, perhaps your father had you enrolled? A No sir, she didn't die until 1897.

Com'r Breckinridge, The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; it appears that the applicant was given by her mother to the grandmother of the applicant, and she was enrolled under the grandmother's name in 1880, but in 1896 was enrolled under her father's name; the variation in name is explained in a satisfactory manner by personal testimony in addition to that of the applicant; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.



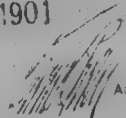
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 22, 1901.



Commissioner.

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COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Ill

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Henrietta Thornton Age 25

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 590 No. 1921 District Ill

Parents:

Father Roswell Mackey Citizenship Col

Mother Sarah Thompson Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer Green M. D. Edge

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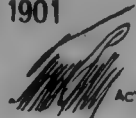


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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

NOTE:—“Decision regarding colored citizens of the United States intermarrying with colored women citizens of the Cherokee Nation made June 20, 1871.”

“Tuesday Morning, June 20, 1871.”

“Court convened—Present same as yesterday. The making out of report continued until the court announced the following decision regarding certain colored men who have married colored women of the nation, to-wit:”

“The Court of Commission after mature reflection feel authorized to decide against all cases before it wherein colored or black men are claiming citizenship from marrying black female citizens under the law ‘Regulating Intermarriage with White Men,’ as they are convinced a correct interpretation of said law will not authorize a clerk of any of the courts to issue a license to a black man to marry a black woman as it only alludes to, and was intended for white men and Cherokee women.”

“The Court believes it is further sustained in the opinion that colored citizens, are such by adoption, and as such, cannot confer rights upon others, without further legislation upon the matter; therefore decides ‘The following named persons are not entitled to Cherokee citizenship as claimed, to-wit:’”

“George Washington, Cooweescoowee District.

“Henry Johnson, Tahlequah

“Lee Cooper,

“Henry Bird,

“William Madden,

“Alonzo Cullen,

“Solomon Foster, Illinois

“William Hudson,

“Haywood Youngblood, Sequoyah District.”

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CHEROKEE NATION.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., June 22, 1901.

I, J. T. Parks, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation sitting as a “Special Court of Commission” as found on pages 86 and 87 Record Book No. Five entitled “Minutes of Special Court of Commission,” on file in this department.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, on this the day and date above written.

*J. T. Parks*  
Executive Secretary of Cherokee Nation.

"Tuesday Morning, June 20, 1871."

"Court convened—Present same as yesterday. The making out of report continued until the court announced the following decision regarding certain colored men who have married colored women of the nation, to-wit:"

"The Court of Commission after mature reflection feel authorized to decide against all cases before it wherein colored or black men are claiming citizenship from marrying black female citizens under the law 'Regulating Intermarriage with White Men,' as they are convinced a correct interpretation of said law will not authorize a clerk of any of the courts to issue a license to a black man to marry a black woman as it only alludes to, and was intended for white men and Cherokee women."

"The Court believes it is further sustained in the opinion that colored citizens, are such by adoption, and as such, cannot confer rights upon others, without further legislation upon the matter; therefore decides 'The following named persons are not entitled to Cherokee citizenship as claimed, to-wit:'"

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| "George Washington, Coowescowee District. | " |
| "Henry Johnson, Tahlequah                 | " |
| "Lee Cooper,                              | " |
| "Henry Bird,                              | " |
| "William Madden,                          | " |
| "Alonzo Cullen,                           | " |
| "Solomon Foster, Illinois                 | " |
| "William Hudson,                          | " |
| "Haywood Youngblood, Sequoyah District."  | " |

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, CHEROKEE NATION.

TAHLEQUAH, I. T., June 22, 1901.

I, J. T. Parks, Executive Secretary of the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the decision of the Supreme Court of the Cherokee Nation sitting as a "Special Court of Commission" as found on pages 86 and 87 Record Book No. Five entitled "Minutes of Special Court of Commission," on file in this department.

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, on this the day and date above written.

*J. T. Parks*  
Executive Secretary of Cherokee Nation.

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 COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
 ACTING CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Pt. Gibson, I.T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Luke Carter for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Luke Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 49.  
Q What is your post-office? A Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a wife you want to enroll? A No sir, my wife is dead.  
Q How many children do you want to enroll? A Two children.  
Q It is just yourself and two children? A Two children and two grand-children.  
Q Are these grand-children orphans? A Yes sir.  
Q And they are in your charge? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Dick Carter.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He has been dead I guess thirty years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Lipe, she enrolled here the other day.  
Q She is alive now is she? A Yes sir; them children was enrolled here the other day but that boy is my son.  
Q You mean the grand-children? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your two children? A My own children, Dave and Mary.  
(Roll clerk: They have been enrolled.)  
Q Give me the names of your grand-children? A John is the oldest, and Fred is the youngest.  
(Roll clerk: They have been enrolled.)  
Q It appears they have been both enrolled too? A Yes sir.  
Com'r: Well, then, you have got nothing to do about them.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 747 #514 Lewis Carter, Tahlequah Dist, adopted colored;

- Q Give me the name of your wife? A Mariah.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1306 #91 Lewis Carter, Tahlequah District.

- Q Your name ought to be Luke? A Yes sir.  
Q When did your wife Mariah die? A She died last September.  
Q They just got your name a little wrong, and your wife  
A Yes sir.  
Q You haven't applied for enrollment in any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.  
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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the

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testimony and proceedings in his case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

W. D. Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 22, 1901.



Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office

Melvin

District

Tahle

1. Name

Luke Carter

Age

49

Owner's name

Year 1888

Page

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No.

514

District

Tahle

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Dick Carter

Citizenship

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D

Mother

Mary Lipe

Citizenship

Col

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Year

Page

No.

District

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

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(U) - 80 Roll "Lewis Carter"

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Prescription and a note to the U.S. Army, 1801.

The following is a list of the names of the persons who were present at the meeting of the U.S. Army, 1801. The names are listed in alphabetical order. The names are: [illegible]

Name.

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1801

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U.S. Army

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ella Duncan for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, she testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Ella Duncan.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Phil Duncan.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has your father been dead? A He has been dead about 19 years ago.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Jane Mackey.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q Is your mother a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir, supposed to be.  
Q You have never married? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and name not found.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's father, and name not found.

- Q Where is your mother living now? A She is here in Ft. Gibson.  
Q She has not enrolled yet, has she? A Yes sir.  
Q Did she enroll under the name of Mackey? A Yes sir. Her name was Nave in 1880.  
Q Was your mother ever married to your father? A I don't know, sir.  
Q She went by the name of Nave after she lived with your father or before; your mother just went by the name of Nave so far as you know? A Yes sir.  
Q Until she married Mackey? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's mother, and identified thereon:  
page 561 #1309 Jane Nave, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant's mother, and identified thereon as follows:  
page 955 #362 Jane Mackey, Illinois District.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant, and identified thereon as follows:  
page 955 #365 Ella Mackey, Illinois District.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee Strip money? A Yes sir.

Kerna-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 45 #1071 Ellen Mackey, Illinois District.

- Q Whendid you take the name of Duncan? A That has been my name all the time; I don't know what my mother enrolled me.  
Q She seems to have put you down in her own name? A Yes sir, I guess so. This is the first time I ever enrolled for myself.

EMMA ALLWELL, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your full name? A Emma Allwell.  
Q How old are you? A 27 years old, I think.

Ella Duncan 2

- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always.  
Q What is your post-office? A Nowata.  
Q Are you a sister of the applicant here, Ella Duncan? A Yes sir.  
Q Full sister? A No sir, half.  
Q Half-sister through mother or father? A On mother's side; I am full by mother's side, and we are different daddies, my daddy was named Davis and her was Duncan.  
Q Have you been enrolled? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and witness' name identified as follows:  
page 522 #529 Emma Davis, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;

- Q By what names has your mother been known, did she ever go by the name of Duncan? A I don't know.  
Q What is she called now? A Mackey.  
Q What name did she have before she was Mackey? A Nave, she always went by the name of Nave.  
Q Has your sister lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And you know her to be the daughter of your mother, Mary J. Mackey? A Yes sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicants states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; she appears to be too young to be on the roll of 1880, but she is identified under her mother's name on the Kerns-Clifton roll and on the census roll of 1896; her mother is identified on the rolls of 1880, and 1896; the variations in name are explained by the testimony of the applicant and by that of her half-sister, who is a half-sister through the mother, and who is herself older than the applicant, and identified on the roll of 1880; the applicant will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, under the name as desired by herself, as Ella Duncan; she states that her mother has enrolled her heretofore under the name born by her mother, but she desires to be enrolled ~~now~~ now by her rightful name.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 22, 1901.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office

District

Kaskaskia  
Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

## Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Name of wife Ella Duncan Age 20

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 155 No. 365 District Ill

## Parents:

Father Phil Duncan Citizenship Col D

Mother Mary Jane Mackey Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

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Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer

M. D. Freeman

(1) a 96 Roll. "Ella Mackey"

(1) a KC Roll 43 # 1071 Ill

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Rosa Lee Harrison

as a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

JUN 28 1902

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBESFILED  
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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Poseyville Shannon, born on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Nathan Shannon, a citizen of the United States Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Ella Brumace, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Fort Gibson, Okla.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Mustang District.

I, Ella Brumace, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Nathan Shannon, who is a citizen, by  
Birth, of the United States Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female)  
 born to me on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901; that said child has been  
 named Poseyville Shannon, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.  
 My Commission expires Oct. 25, 1905.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Mustang District.

I, Henry Martin, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Ella Brumace, wife of Nathan Shannon,  
 on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1901; that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
 named Poseyville Shannon.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of June, 1902.  
 My Commission expires Oct. 25, 1905.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE ARIZONA TERRITORY

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CHANDLER

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H. H. Chandler

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David Chandler

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., November 9, 1904.

Cherokee F-602.

In the matter of the application of Ella Duncan for the enrollment of herself and son, Roosevelt Shannon, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Hayes Thompson, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Hayes Thompson.  
Q How old are you? A 20.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Ella Thompson.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q When were you married? A November 6, 1904.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of November, 1904.

Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

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Commissioner  
to and subscribed before me this 22nd of April, 1901.

five and complete transcripts of his stenographic notes thereof.  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
the Commission to the five divided tribes he correctly recorded the  
Bruce O. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.  
and other personal testimony. These children will now be  
in a satisfactory manner by the testimony of the applicant  
and her change of name from the enrollment in 1880 to that in  
deceased mother is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1898  
Cherokee Freedmen. They are living at this time, and their  
the testimony are all duly identified on the roll of 1898 as  
enrollment of five children. These children are enumerated in  
Commissioner Brookbridge: The applicant applies for the

Richard Thompson on page 1335, No. 544, Tahlequah district;  
Harry Thompson on page 1335, No. 543, Tahlequah district;  
Laura Thompson on page 1335, No. 542, Tahlequah district;  
Alexander Nivens;  
Alex Thompson on page 1334, No. 541, Tahlequah district, as  
Charles Thompson on page 1334, No. 540, Tahlequah district;  
Ollie Thompson;  
Ollie Thompson on page 1334, No. 539, Tahlequah district, as  
applicants and their mother identified thereon as follows:  
The 1898 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the  
1875, Tahlequah district, as Flora Nivens.  
The 1898 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and  
Have you married since she died? A Yes, sir.  
Were you ever married before you married her? A No, sir.  
Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
little? A Yes, sir.

0 Your wife, you say she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her  
0 Is she dead? A No, sir.

0 Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Mary Nivens.

0 Give me the name of your wife's father? A Alex Nivens.

0 Johnson Thompson, recalled, testified as follows:

A Yes, sir, I guess so, for it isn't long.  
0 She has been dead about a year and half or a little over;  
0 And were living together when she died? A Yes, sir.  
0 They lived together a good while, did they? A Yes, sir.  
0 I guess he knows; they have got some pretty good sized children; I  
0 married? A I can't exactly tell you, but it has been quite a while;  
0 As near as you can recollect, about how long since they were  
0 her Ollie Thompson.  
0 was her father's name, and of course when he married her they assumed  
0 What was her name? A Ollie.  
0 She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.  
0 Did you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
0 I know him pretty much all his life? A Yes, sir.  
0 little boy.

0 How long have you known him? A I knowed him when he was a  
0 I know when he came in.

Charles Thompson - 2.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Charles Thompson and four brothers and sisters for enrollment as  
Cherokee Freedmen.

Johnson Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name? A Johnson Thompson; I want to apply  
only for my children; my wife is a citizen, and the mother of these  
children, Alex Mivens' daughter, and she has five children on the  
roll with her.

Q You want to apply for them, do you? A Yes, sir.

Q How old are you? A 42.

Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.

Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.

Q Who do you want to have put on the roll? A My children.

Q You applied for yourself a while ago? A Yes, sir, and failed  
for myself, but my children they are all right on the roll, they  
drew the money.

Q How many children? A Five.

Q Give me the names of these children? A Charles Thompson.

Q How old is he? A 15.

Q The next child? A Alex.

Q How old is he? A He is 13.

Q The next child? A Laura? A

Q How old is Laura? A Laura is 12.

Q The next child? A Harry.

Q How old is Harry? A He is about 9, I don't know his age ex-  
actly.

Q The next to Harry? A Richard.

Q How old is Richard? A Richard is 7.

Q These children are all living now are they? A Yes, sir, all  
living.

Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A Clara  
Thompson.

Q How old is she? A She is 29 years old.

Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.

Q Why don't you apply for her? A She is dead; my wife is dead;  
I am just applying for her children.

Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead since the  
2nd day of last September, most a year.

Q When were you and she married? A We married, I disremember  
what year we married in; about 1886 as near as I can guess at it.

Q 15 or 16 years ago? A Yes, sir, we lived together 14 years,  
2 months and 26 days to the time she died.

Q How long were you married before the birth of Charles? A About  
a year, I reckon.

Q Have you got anybody here knows you and she lived together?

A Yes, sir, whole Bob Smith.

Bob Smith, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your name please? A Bob Smith.

Q How old are you? A I told you once I didn't know.

Q As near as you can? A I gave it to you as near as I could before  
and I am old enough; put it down about 45 or over, I don't care  
which.

Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my days.

Q Do you know this applicant here, Johnson Thompson? A Yes, sir,

Charles Thompson - 2.

I know when he came in.

Q How long have you known him? A I knowed him when he was a little boy.

Q Known him pretty much all his life? A Yes, sir.

Q Did you know his wife? A Yes, sir.

Q She is dead, is she? A Yes, sir.

Q What was her name? A Clara.

Q What was her name before she had him? A Clara Nivens; that was her father's name, and of course when he married her they called her Clara Thompson.

Q As near as you can recollect, about how long since they were married? A I can't exactly tell you, but it has been quite a while; I guess he knows; they have got some pretty good sized children; I don't pretend to keep the years.

Q They lived together a good while, did they? A Yes, sir.

Q And were living together when she died? A Yes, sir.

Q She has been dead about a year and a half or a little over?

A Yes, sir, I guess so, for it isn't long.

Johnson Thompson, recalled, testified as follows:

Q Give me the name of your wife's father? A Alex Nivens.

Q Is he dead? A No, sir.

Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A Mary Nivens.

Q Is she dead? A No, sir.

Q Your wife, you say she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes, sir.

Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.

Q Were you ever married before you married her? A No, sir.

Q Have you married since she died? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the mother of applicants identified thereon, page 788, No. 1878, Tahlequah district, as Flora Nivens.

The 1886 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants and their mother identified thereon as follows: Clara Thompson on page 1324, No. 539, Tahlequah district, as Gloria Thompson;

Charles Thompson on page 1324, No. 540, Tahlequah district; Alex Thompson on page 1324, No. 541, Tahlequah district, as Alexander Nivens;

Laura Thompson on page 1325, No. 542, Tahlequah district;

Harry Thompson on page 1325, No. 543, Tahlequah district;

Richard Thompson on page 1325, No. 544, Tahlequah district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of five children. These children as enumerated in the testimony are all duly identified on the roll of 1886 as Cherokee Freedmen. They are living at this time, and their deceased mother is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1886 and her change of name from the enrollment in 1880 to that in 1886 arises from marriage, and her marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by the testimony of the applicant and other personal testimony. These children will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

*Breckinridge*

Commissioner



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE PUBLIC LANDS

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 20 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Tahle

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 1. Charles Thompson       | Year/896 | Page 1324 | No. 540 | Dist. Tahle | 15 |
| 2. <del>Alexander</del> " | Year "   | Page 1324 | No. 541 | Dist. Tahle | 13 |
| 3. Laura "                | Year "   | Page 1325 | No. 542 | Dist. "     | 12 |
| 4. Harry "                | Year "   | Page 1325 | No. 543 | Dist. "     | 9  |
| 5. Richard "              | Year "   | Page 1325 | No. 544 | Dist. "     | 7  |
| 6. " "                    | Year     | Page      | No.     | Dist.       |    |
| 7. " "                    | Year     | Page      | No.     | Dist.       |    |
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Application made by Johnson Thompson Stenographer James B. C.

(2) in 96 Roll as "Alexander Thompson"

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Evans for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

William Evans, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Will Evans.  
Q How old are you? A 32.  
Q What is your post office? A Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah district.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Peelin Evans.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know exactly how long he has been dead, some ten or 12 years I reckon.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Sarah Mary.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 752, No. 667, Cooweescoowee district, as William Evans.  
Q Is your name William? A Yes, sir.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 403, No. 147, Cooweescoowee district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and the roll of 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 22nd of April, 1901.

C. M. Breckinridge  
Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Age 32

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No. 667

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Felix Evans

Citizenship

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Mother

Mary Evans

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Port Gibson, I.T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Brown for the enrollment of himself and two children as Cherokee Freedman.

Joseph Brown, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Joseph Brown.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who all is it you want to enroll? A Just two children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Jack Brown.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About 9 years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Katie Brown.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Dee Brown and Milton Brown. (exhibiting birth certificates.)  
Q This child is 2 years old last January? A Yes, sir.  
Q And the next child is Milton Brown? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born September 22, 1900? A Yes, sir.  
Q These children are both living now, are they? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A Lula Brown.  
Q How old is she? A She is 24, but I don't want to enroll her though.  
Q She is not a Cherokee Freedman herself? A No, sir.  
Q When did you and she marry? A Married in 1898.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? Q No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A No, sir.  
Q You never lived with any woman as husband and wife except with this woman? A No, sir.  
Q What was her name when you married her? A Lula Freeman.  
Q Where was she born? A Born in Conway, Arkansas.  
Q Did you marry her in Arkansas? A No, sir, married her in the Territory.  
Q Have you anybody here who knows that you and your wife have lived together as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.

Sam Vann, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Sam Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir, I must be about 38 or 39.  
Q What is your post office? A Vian.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, Joseph Brown? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A Ever since he was a child.  
Q Do you know his wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q About when were he and his wife married, as near as you can come at it? A I don't know, sir, exactly, it has been about three or four years.  
Q Was Joseph Brown ever married except to this woman? A No, sir.  
Q What is the name of this wife of his? A Lula.  
Q Did you know her before she married him? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name then, Lula Freeman? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long did you know her before she married him? A About a year.  
Q Did she come here from Arkansas with her family? A Yes, sir.

Joseph Brown - 2.

- Q She passed as a young unmarried woman, did she? A Yes, sir.  
Q You never heard of her being married? A No, sir.  
Q Have this man and this woman lived together as husband and wife ever since their marriage? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you at their wedding? A No, sir.  
Q Did they live in your neighborhood? A Yes, sir.  
Q You know them as man and wife? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated rollof Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant, Joseph Brown, identified thereon, page 507, No. 188, Illinois district;

Exhibit The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Joseph Brown identified thereon, page 945, No. 67, Illinois district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and two children. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He is shown to have married his wife some four years ago. She had recently come from the State of Arkansas, and no application is made for her enrollment. It appears that neither the applicant nor his wife were ever previously married, and they have lived together ever since their marriage. When the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of birth of the two children, Dee and Milton Brown, aged respectively two years and seven months, these children also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 23rd of April, 1901.

Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

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1. Name

Owner's name

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District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Owners name

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Parents:

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*L. B. Brown*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*April 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Dee Brown born on the 13 day of Jan, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joe Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lulu Brown, a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Post-office: \_\_\_\_\_

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

North DISTRICT.

I, Lulu Brown, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Brown, who is a citizen, by  
Freedom, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 13 day of Jan, 1899, that said child has been  
named Dee Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Lulu Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

20 day of April, 1901.

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J. M. Headricks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }

North DISTRICT.

I, Lottie Drew, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lulu Brown, wife of Joe Brown,  
on the 13 day of Jan, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Dee Brown.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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J. M. Headricks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Milton Brown*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved,

*April 22<sup>nd</sup>* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Milton Brown born on the 22 day of Sept, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joe Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lulu Brown, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Uran St.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
Northwestern District. }

I, Lulu Brown, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joe Brown, who is a citizen, by  
Marion of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 22 day of Sept, 1900, that said child has been  
named Milton Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Lulu BrownSubscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.J. M. Healdicks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

INDIAN TERRITORY, }

District. }

I, Mollie Hendrick, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lulu Brown, wife of Joe Brown,  
on the 22 day of Sept, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Milton Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Mollie HendrickSubscribed and sworn to before me this 20 day of April, 1901.J. M. Healdicks  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Joe Brown Jr.

as a citizen of

Cherokee

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Joe Brown Jr., born on the 1st day of July, 1902.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Lula Brown a citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Joseph T Brown a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Vian O. T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lula Brown on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by the United States of the U. S. Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joseph T Brown, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 1st day of July, 1902, that said child has been  
named Joe T Brown, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Lula Brown

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Sallie Jones, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lula T Brown, wife of Joseph T Brown  
on the 1st day of July, 1902, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Joe T Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Mill B. Jones  
Richard BrownSallie Jones

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, Indian Territory, January 30th, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Brown for the enrollment of himself and children, Dee, Milton and Joe Brown, as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Cherokee F-605.

Joseph Brown, being duly sworn, testified as follows:

Examination by the Commission.

- Q. What is your name? A. Joseph Brown.  
Q. How old are you? A. 32.  
Q. What is your post office address? A. Vian.  
Q. Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Your name appears on the roll of 1880, does it?  
A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What is your wife's name? A. My wife's name is Lulu Brown.  
Q. She is a non-citizen, is she? A. Yes, sir; non-citizen.  
Q. She is not claiming any rights? A. No, sir; none at all.  
Q. When were you married to her? A. Been about 5 years ago.  
Q. Who married you? A. A fellow called Taylor; preacher Taylor.  
Q. Did you have any license? A. No, sir; didn't have no Cherokee license.  
Q. Had she ever been married before she married you?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Had you ever been married before you married her?  
A. No, sir.  
Q. Have you and your wife Lulu been living together ever since you were married? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you any children? A. Three.  
Q. Their names are Dee, Milton and Joe? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. They are your children by your wife Lulu? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Are these children living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Have you resided in the Cherokee Nation ever since 1880?  
A. Yes, sir; ever since.  
Q. Never had a home anywhere else? A. No, sir.

Jesse O. Carr on oath states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported the above entitled case and that the foregoing is a correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 1903.

*Jesse O. Carr*  
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Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Joseph Glass for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Joseph Glass.  
Q How old are you? A About 38, sir.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Well, sir; all my life.  
Q You never lived anywhere else? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A His name is Joe Glass.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, he's dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A About thirty years.  
Q Back before you can remember? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A My mother is Bea Glass.  
Q Is she dead? A She's dead about ten years.  
Q You don't speak English very well? A No sir.  
Q Was your mother a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Was your father an Indian? A No, it was my father's colored people; my mother's father was part Cherokee and part colored.  
Q Your mother was part colored and part Cherokee? A Yes sir.  
Q You claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 368, No. 534, Joe Glass, Flint District, Native Cherokee, 21 years old.

- Q Did you have a brother named Lewis? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's mother is found on page 387, No. 490, Easter Glass, Flint District, Adopted Colored, 49 years old.

- Q Did you have a wife Sarah? A Yes sir, but we are parted.  
Q What children? A Bettie.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 950, No. 270, Joseph Glass, Illinois District.

- Q Have these children been applied for? A Yes sir.  
Q You have a brother named William? A No sir, my brother is dead, Sam Glass; Lewis is living.  
Q There is a Joe Glass there colored on the roll of 1880, is that your uncle? A Yes sir.  
Q He's dead is he? A Yes sir.  
Q Was he your father's brother? A Yes sir.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896; his enrollment in 1880 is as a Native Cherokee, but his mother is identified on that roll as a Cherokee Freedman; he states that his father died some years before that roll was made, and a deceased uncle, his father's brother, is identified on that roll as a Cherokee Freedman, and the applicant applies for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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S. J. C.

The undersigned, being sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he accurately recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1901.

*E. J. Whelan*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office VianDistrict Illinois1. Name Joseph Glass Age 38

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 368 No. 534 District Plaint (Cherokee Roll)

Parents:

Father Joseph Glass Citizenship Col 8Mother Gaa " " Citizenship 1/2 Col & 1/2 Chir 8

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by no (1)Stenographer Reuben E. G.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Rosa Gunter for the enrollment of herself and seven children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Rosa Gunter.  
Q How old are you? A I can't tell my age exactly.  
Q As near as you can come? A I just couldn't tell it; I have never told it; my mother had it put there.  
Q Can you give an idea about how old you are - are you 30, 35, or 40? A I guess I am along in 40.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Illinois.  
Q That is your district, is it? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is it you want to enroll? A Children.  
Q How many? A Six children; I have the names here.  
Q You want to enroll yourself then and six children? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been here all my days.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Jesse Roach.  
Q Is your father dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He's been dead something about as near as I can remember about nine years.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Patsy Roach.  
Q Is your mother dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Something about eight.  
Q You have been married, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A John Gunter.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he's living.  
Q When did you marry John Gunter; how far back? A Its been about nine years ago.  
Q Are you and he still living together? A Yes sir.  
Q He doesn't claim to be a Cherokee Freedman, does he? A No sir.  
Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you? A No sir.  
Q Now, give me the names of your six children? A Its correct on there. (Hands list to Commissioner).  
Q The eldest one is named Fannie Gunter? A Yes sir.  
Q Fannie is 16 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q The next one is named Alice? A Yes sir.  
Q She's 13 years old, is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q The next one is Tuxie? A Yes sir.  
Q She's 9 years old? A Its a boy.  
Q That boy is 11 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Rosanna the next one? A Yes sir.  
Q She's 9 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Then comes Jessie, a girl? A Its a boy.  
Q Jesse is 7 years old? A Yes sir.  
Q Then comes John; he's five years old, is that right? A Yes sir.  
Q Then comes Richard, he's a baby, one year old? A Yes sir.  
Q Are these children all alive now? A Yes sir.  
Q You have seven children here, you said you had six - Fannie, Alice, Tuxie, Rosanna, Jesse, John and Richard? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is there here who knows you and your husband John Gunter are living together, anybody? A Yes sir.

Sam Vann, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Sam Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir; I am between 38 and 39.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know this woman here? A I know her when I see her. I pass by the house every time I go to town.  
Q She's married? A Yes sir.

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Q What is her husband's name? A John Gunter.  
Q And she's known as the wife of John Gunter? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you know her before she lived with John Gunter? A No sir, I didn't know her.

Daniel Reach, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name. A Daniel Reach.  
Q How old are you? A About 75.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Braggs.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know this woman here? A Yes sir.  
Q What kin is she to you? A She used to be a stepdaughter of mine.  
Q What was her name when she was a child? A Rose Reach.  
Q What was her father's name? A Jesse Reach.  
Q And her mother? A Patsy Reach.  
Q This woman herself is named Rose or Rosa? A Yes sir.  
Q And this woman has been married? A Yes sir, married John Gunter.  
Q Was she ever married except to John Gunter? A No sir, not married she had children.  
Q Were those understood to be John Gunter's children ~~that~~ she is talking about now? A Yes sir.  
Q Are they John Gunter's children? A Yes sir.  
Q So she and John Gunter had children before they were regularly married? A I think they did.  
Q She was never recognized as being ever married except to John Gunter? A That's all.  
Q What was your wife's name? A Patsy.  
Q Did this girl ever live with you? A Well, yes sir, she lived with me and Patsy; I got children by this woman; she lived in the house with me and my wife.  
Q Did this woman ever pass as your wife? A No sir.  
Q You say you have children by this woman? A Yes sir; she didn't pass as my wife, but her mother did pass as my wife.  
Q This isn't your child? A No sir.  
Q Your stepchild? A It is Jesse Reach's child.  
Q What kin is Jesse Reach to you? A None at all; one man owned us both.  
Q Just that way? A Yes sir.  
Q Was Patsy Reach living with you in 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Well, now, in 1880, there is a Rose Reach put down on the roll as your wife and Patsy is put down in your family - ~~that~~ could this woman be put down as your wife in '80? A No sir.  
Q She's not as your wife but of your family? A Yes sir, of the family.  
Q This woman was living with you then? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 574, No. 1552, Rosa Reach, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

Commissioner of Applicant-

Q Why weren't you enrolled in 1896, the last census roll - you don't know do you - they took it four or five years ago? A I ought to have been enrolled on it.  
Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes sir.

Daniel Reach recalled-

Q Has this woman lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A Yes sir, nowhere else.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 95, No. 2383, Rosa Gunter, or Reach, Illinois District.

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Applicant further testified-

Q Have you got any other children except these seven you name here? A I have one that is married living within a mile of me.

Q That is all your have? A Yes sir; Nan is married.

Q You give all these children the name of Gunter? A Yes sir.

Daniel Reach recalled-

Q How many have you got that you claim to have by this woman? A Well, I have got about a half dozen.

Q This woman's children? A Yes sir, I got three boys - I got about six.

Applicant further testified-

Q You told me that you have never given birth to any children but these seven and one other? A I never been married but once.

Q I didn't ask you how many times you have been married - how many children are you the mother of, how many children have been born to you, have you had six children by him? A I have been the mother of 16 children.

Q What I am particularly determined about is whether you have any children that you ought to apply for that you haven't applied for now? A No sir, these children I want to apply for now is Gunter's children.

Q You left out one alive? A I made it through mistake.

Q The other children have been applied for? A Yes sir.

Q I am talking about the other ones those that are not on this list? A Yes sir.

Daniel Reach recalled-

Q Then these children named that have been born to her were no children of yours? A No sir.

Q Nan and these seven children here, those are all the living children here? A Yes sir.

Q You applied for all of them except one Nan and she is married? A Yes sir.

Q She will apply for herself? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the four elder children are found thereon as follows:

Page 95, No. 2385, Fannie Reach, Illinois District.

Page 95, No. 2386, Alice Reach, Illinois District.

Page 95, No. 2387, Tuxie Reach, Illinois District.

Page 95, No. 2388, Hesanna Reach, Illinois District.

Commissioner of Applicant-

Q These children, Jesse and John, were they living with you? A There is two Jesse's in my family. My eldest boy is named Jesse.

Q He is of age? A Yes sir, he is of age.

Q Then you got a seven year old Jesse? A Yes sir, Aunt Crossland named him Jesse.

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money for this seven year old child, Jesse, or do you know? A No sir, I don't know whether I drew it for him or not.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the three younger children are not found of record thereon.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and seven children; she is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns Clifton Roll; she is shown to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her change of name arising from marriage is explained in a satisfactory manner by her own and other personal testimony; she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the seven children applied for, Fannie, Alice, Tuxie and Hesanna, are identified on the Kerns Clifton Roll under the name of Reach, which was the applicant's maiden name. Their proper name, however,



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is Suter, which is the applicant's name under her marriage, and she states is the appropriate name of these children. They are all living and will be listed for enrollment under the name of Suter as Cherokee Freedmen; she is indefinite in matters of age and time, and it is probably that she is in error as to the age of the next two children, Jesse and John, they doubtless being too young to be upon any roll; when she supplies the Commission with certificates of their births, these children and also the youngest child, Richard, now one year of age, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. This provides for the listing of enrollment of the applicant and the seven children named in the testimony.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

  
subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE PUBLIC LANDS

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Vian

District Illinois

1. Name Rosa Genter

Age 40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife Rosa Genter

Age 40

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1552

District Ill

Parents:

Father Jesse Roach

Citizenship Col

Mother Patsie Roach

Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

2. Fannie Genter

Year K.C. Page 95 No. 2385 Dist. Ill

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3. Alice

Year 11 Page 95 No. 2386 Dist. "

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4. Tuxie

Year 14 Page 95 No. 2387 Dist. "

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5. Rosanna

Year 11 Page 95 No. 2388 Dist. "

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6. Jesse

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7. John

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8. Richard

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(1) - 80 Roll as "Rosa Roach"

(1) - K.C. 95 # 2383 Ill

(2) - K.C. Roll "Fannie Roach"

(3) - K.C. "Alice Roach"

(4) - K.C. "Tuxie Roach"

(5) - K.C. "Rosanna Roach"

(6) Proof of Birth to be supplied

(7) " " " " "

(8) " " " " "

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Jesse Hunter*  
as a citizen of  
*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Jesse Hunter (here insert name of child), born on the 9 day of April, 1894,  
Name of Father: John Hunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rosa Hunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Viana, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District, }

I, Rosa Hunter, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen; by Cherokee Freedman Cherokee of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Hunter, who is a citizen; by  
Adaptation of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 9 day of April, 1894; that said child has been  
named Jesse Hunter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

R E Jackson  
J B White

Rosa Hunter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
husband  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District, }

I, John Hunter - husband, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Hunter, wife of John Hunter,  
on the 9 day of April, 1894; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Jesse Hunter, and that there was no one  
Jesse present at said birth

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J R Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

John Hunter

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, April 29 1901

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of John Gunter, born on the 7 day of April, 1896.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John Gunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
Name of Mother: Rosa Gunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vian, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Rosa Gunter, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Gunter, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 7 day of April, 1896; that said child has been  
named John Gunter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

R. E. Jackson  
L. B. White

Rosa Gunter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield  
Husband

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, John Gunter, Husband, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Gunter, wife of John Gunter,  
on the 7 day of April, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named John Gunter, and that there was no one  
else present at said birth.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Richard Hunter*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Richard Gunter, born on the 9 day of Feb., 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Gunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rosa Gunter, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vian, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Rosa Gunter, on oath state that I am 40  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Gunter, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 9 day of Feb., 1900; that said child has been  
named Richard Gunter, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

R. E. Jackson  
W. C. White

Rosa Gunter  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, John Gunter, husband, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rosa Gunter, wife of John Gunter,  
on the 9 day of Feb., 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Richard Gunter, and that there was no one  
else present at said birth John Gunter.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES?  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T. August 20, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Rosa Gunter for the enrollment of herself and her children, Lannie, Alice, Tuxie, Rosanna, Jesse, John and Richard Gunter as Cherokee Freedman.

FANNIE BETHEL, being first duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Fannie Gunter it was, it is Fannie Bethel now.
- Q How old are you? A 20
- Q What is your mother's name? A Rosa Gunter
- Q When were you married? A I just can't tell when we was married - a little over a year.
- Q What is your husband's name? A Arthur Bethel
- Q Is he a freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir, he ain't a citizen.
- Q You have not got your marriage certificate with you? A No, sir, I didn't bring it with me.
- Q Where were you married? A At Vian
- Q By a preacher? A Yes, sir
- Q You and your husband living together? A Yes, sir
- Q Been living together since you were married? A Yes, sir
- Q Don't know the date of your marriage, do you? A No, sir, I can't tell.
- Q About a year ago do you think? A Something over a year ago, in the summer time. About a year and three months I reckon, something like that.
- Q Married in the month of May were you? A Yes, sir, I think it was in May.

The undersigned, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, states on oath that she reported the testimony and proceedings in the above entitled and numbered cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Theresa Hallmark*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
22nd day of August, 1904

*J. L. Delaney*  
Notary Public

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Alic Hunter  
a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved Nov 18 1904

G. R. Brice  
J. H. Brice

Cherokee

1904

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Alice Gunter  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian Ind. Ter., and died on the 9th day of  
October, 1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Rosa Gunter, on oath state that I am 43  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Vian Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the mother of Alice Gunter  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Alice Gunter died on the 9th day of  
October, 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Benny  
Dahmer  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14 day of Nov, 1903

Rosa  
Gunter  
mother

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1903

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Vann for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Mollie Vann, and his five children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner O. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Samuel Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know, sir; I must be 38 or 39; born some time in the war.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir, I got five children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Henry Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes sir, he died some time in the war.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Litha.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir, she died some time during the war.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of these children. A David Vann.  
Q How old is that child? A I don't know, sir, exactly; he must be about 18 or 19 years old.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Willie.  
Q How old is ~~that~~ that child? A He must be about 17, I reckon.  
Q Now, the next child? A Mamie.  
Q How old is that child? A 11 years old.  
Q The next child? A He's four years old.  
Q Give me the name? A McKinley.  
Q How old is that child; four you say? A Yes sir, last December.  
Q Now the next child? A Garfield.  
Q How old is that child? A He's two years old.  
Q That's all? A Yes sir.  
Q These children all living? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of these children? A The mother of the eldest one is dead; I have married again.  
Q You have been married twice, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your first wife? A Lydia.  
Q She's dead, you say? A Yes sir.  
Q When did she die? A She's been dead about 11 years I reckon.  
Q When were you and she married? A I couldn't tell you; its been ~~so~~ so long.  
Q She's the mother of how many of these children? A She's the mother of four, David, Willie, Mamie and Roswell.  
Q What become of Roswell? A Mary Foreman registered for Roswell; I give him to her.  
Q As for these children, she is the mother of the first three, David, Willie and Mamie? A Yes sir.  
Q Is David the oldest of her children? A Yes sir.  
Q How long had you been married before David was born? A I expect about three years as high as I can recollect.  
Q You were married some 20 or 21 years ago to that woman? A Yes sir, I expect longer than that.  
Q You married very young, did you? A Yes sir.  
Q Was that woman, Lydia, ever married except to you? A No sir.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman herself? A Yes sir.  
Q And then give me the name of your second wife? A Mollie.  
Q You were never married before you married your wife, Lydia? A No sir.  
Q And she was never married except to you? A No sir.  
Q Now your wife, Mollie, is she dead? A No sir, she's living.  
Q How old is she? A I don't know; she must be about 25 or 30.  
Q When did you and she marry? A Been married six years.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q To whom was she married first? A She was married in the states; she was a state woman; she went by the name of Milie Terrell; husband Jeff Terrell.

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Q You know when she married Jeff Terrell? A I don't know.  
Q How long did they live together? A Five years.  
Q And then did they part? A Yes sir, he was sent to the penitentiary.  
Q Where is he now? A I don't know sir, where he is.  
Q Did she ever get a legal divorce from that man? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a copy of the decree? A No sir, I haven't.  
Q When did she get that divorce? A Before she come up to the nation.  
Q She was only married once before she married you? A Yes sir, that is what she says.  
Q Who is there here knows that you have lived with these women as your wife? A Ed Wright.

Ed Wright, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q Give me your full name. A Ed Wright.  
Q How old are you? A About 43 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A About 25 years, I reckon.  
Q Do you know the applicant here Samuel Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A About 25 years.  
Q Was he a single man when you first knew him? A Yes sir.  
Q What was the name of his first wife? A Lydia.  
Q What was her name when he married her, do you remember? A Lydia Grape they called her.

Commissioner to Applicant-

Q Was that right was that her name then? A Yes sir.

Ed Wright further testified-

Q About how long had they been married - did they marry pretty soon after you got acquainted with this man? A Yes sir, pretty soon afterwards.  
Q And did they live together until she died? A Yes sir, until she died.  
Q Did you ever hear of her being married before she married him? A No sir, she was young.  
Q She's been dead a good many years now, hasn't she? A Yes sir, several years.  
Q About how long? A To the best of my knowledge and recollection I believe she's been dead about ten or eleven years.  
Q And since that he has married again, has he? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his present wife? A Mollie.  
Q She's been married before she married this man? A That's what they say.  
Q You never knew this man to be married to anybody except these two women? A That's all.  
Q He and his wife, Mollie, are living together now, are they? A Yes sir.  
Q And they been married about how long? A About six years ago.  
Q You think its been about six years ago? A Yes sir, to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant further testified-

Q Did you get a license when you married your last wife? A No sir.  
Q Did a preacher marry you? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you get a certificate of marriage? A No sir.

Ed Wright recalled-

Q Did you see them married? A Yes sir, I was to the wedding.  
Q Do you remember what time of the year it was? A I don't remember whether it was in the fall or the winter.  
Q And you can't name the exact year? A No sir, I couldn't name the year.



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Peggie Wiggins, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Peggie Wiggins.  
Q How old are you? A 37 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know the applicant here Samuel Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he any kin to you? A Yes sir.  
Q What kin? A Second cousin.  
Q You know his present wife? A Yes sir, we were girls together.  
Q Her name is Mollie is it? A Lydia his first wife.  
Q You know his present wife, Mollie? A Yes sir.  
Q Now were you present at the wedding when he and his wife, Mollie, were married? A I was invited, but it rained and I didn't get to the wedding.  
Q You know when it was? A In the spring I think.  
Q The spring of what year? A Spring of '95, I believe.  
Q And have they lived together ever since as husband and wife?  
A Yes sir.

Commissioner of Applicant-

- Q What preacher married you? A Harris.  
Q He living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is he living? A Down here near us at Vian.  
Q What is his full name? A John Harris.  
Q You can get a certificate from him that he married you? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 599, No. 2123, Samuel Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Did your wife have a sister named Mema, or mother? A Her mother's name was Susie..

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's deceased wife is found on page 519, No. 471, Lydia Crapo, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and his three older children are found thereon as follows:

- Page 967, No. 669, Samuel Vann, Illinois District.  
Page 967, No. 670, David Vann, Illinois District.  
Page 967, No. 671, Willie Vann, Illinois District.  
Page 967, No. 673, Mamie Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Your present wife was an Arkansas woman? A Yes sir.  
Q And she has no claim for enrollment unless it comes through you? A No sir.  
Q Where was your wife, Mollie, divorced from her former husband?  
A Van Buren, I think so.

She can get a copy of the decree of divorce.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and five children, and in the course of the proceedings he includes also his present wife in his application. The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The first three children, David, Willie and Mamie, are children of the applicant's first wife. The fact of their marriage is established by satisfactory testimony, and that wife, who has now been dead some eleven years, is duly identified on the roll of 1880. These three children are now living, and are duly identified on the roll of 1896 as Cherokee Freedmen, and they will now be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.



It appears that the applicant and his present wife were married in the spring of 1895; he was never married except to his present wife, Lydia, who died eleven years ago, and his present wife, Mollie. The present marriage so far as the applicant is concerned appears to be without legal hindrance, but his wife, Mollie, is said to have been married to one Terrell in Arkansas some years prior to the present marriage, and that she was divorced from her husband Terrell, prior to the present marriage. The applicant is desirous to supply the Commission with a certificate of his present marriage, and also with a copy of the decree of divorce of his present wife from her first husband. She seems to have been married only once prior to her present marriage. Pending the receipt of this evidence, the two younger children, McKinley and Garfield Vann, will, when the Commission is supplied with certificates of their births, be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as Cherokee Freedmen; and the applicant's wife Mollie, will also be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

Vian

District

Illinois

1. Name

Samuel Vann

Age

38

Owner's name

Year 1880

Page 599

No. 2123

District

Citizenship

Ill

Parents:

Father

Henry Vann

Citizenship

Col

D

Mother

Litha

Citizenship

Col

D

2. Name of wife

Owners name

Year

Page

No.

District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

1. David Vann

Year 1896

Page 967

No. 670

Dist.

Ill

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2. Willie Vann

Year

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No. 671

Dist.

Ill

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3. Mamie

Year

Page 967

No. 673

Dist.

Ill

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4. McKinley

Year

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Dist.

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5. Garfield

Year

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Dist.

Application made by

Roll

Stenographer

Rothberger &amp; Co.

(1)

1896 Roll

967

# 669

Ill

{ Copy of Decree of Divorce of Molly Vann, mother of # (5) - (6) from her husband  
to be supplied

Certificate of Marriage of (1) to Molly Vann. To be supplied.

(5) Proof of Birth to be supplied

(6)

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Anna Mann*

A CITIZEN OF THE

Nation

Approved

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Commissioner

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# Department of the Interior, COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(In the matter of the death of David Vann A Cherokee Freedman

(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Cherokee

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Maybell, Oklahoma,

(Here insert name of post office)

Ind. Ter., and died on the 13th day of

February, 1908

~~THIRTEEN~~

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

Maggie Vann, Widdow of David Vann  
Maybell Oklahoma

I, Maggie Vann

, on oath state that I am 24

years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Freedman of the Cherokee, Nation;

that my postoffice address is Maybell Oklahoma,

(Here insert name of postoffice)

Ind. Ter.; that I am

The Widdow

of

David Vann

(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Cherokee Freedman of the

Cherokee, Nation

and that said David Vann

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the 13th

day of

February 1908

WITNESSES TO MARK:

*Maggie Vann*

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December

1908

*W H Morley*  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

Abb Fields, of  
Maybell Oklahoma

I, Abb Fields,

, on oath state that I am 56

years of age, and a citizen by Cherokee Freedman the Cherokee, Nation;

that my postoffice address is Maybell Oklahoma,

(Here insert name of postoffice)

, Ind. Ter.;

that I was personally acquainted with David Vann A Cherokee Freedman

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Cherokee Freedman the Cherokee

Nation;

and that said David Vann

(Here insert name of deceased)

died on the 13th

day of

February 1908

WITNESSES TO MARK:

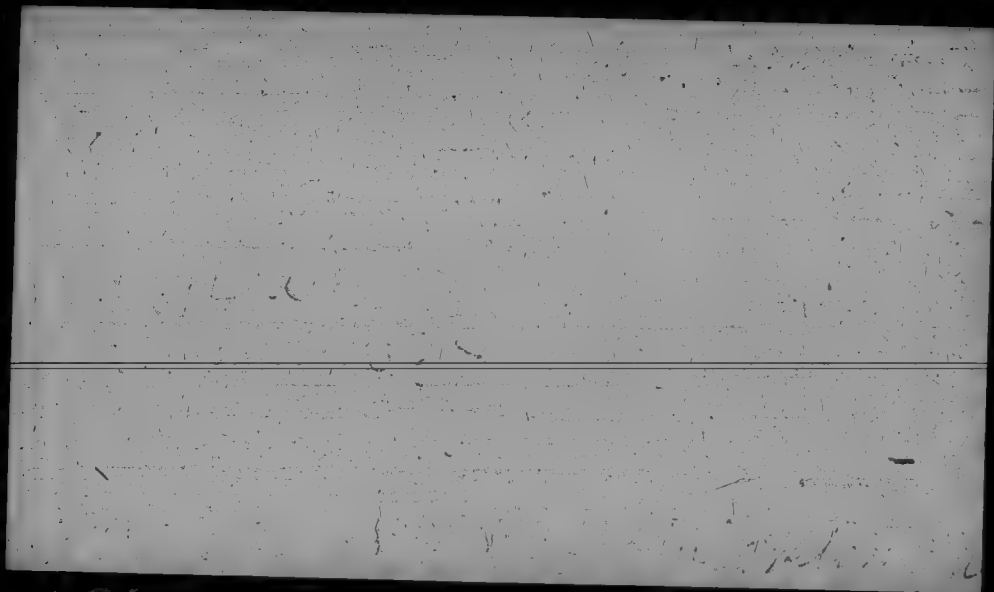
*Abb Fields*

(Must Be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 5th day of December

1908

*W H Morley*  
Notary Public.



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Conclusion:

EXHIBITION AND PROCEEDINGS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF VETERANS, 1881.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Malinda Parker for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner U. B. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Malinda Parker.  
Q How old are you? A About 28 or 29..  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to ~~be~~ be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Four children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Jake Grapo.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he's alive.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Lucy Grapo.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir, she's living.  
Q Give me the names of your children. A Euna Grapo.  
Q How old is that child? A She's about 15, I reckon.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Eddie.  
Q How old is that child? A He's about 12, I guess.  
Q The next child? A Nona.  
Q How old is that child? A Three.  
Q The next child? A Spain.  
Q How old is that child? A He's eight months old.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom were you married? A To Abe Hays.  
Q Are you on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to Abe Hays? A Yes sir, been married twice.  
Q Who was your first husband? A Abe Hays.  
Q Is he alive? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q When did you and Abe Hays marry - how long ago? A Its been about ten or fifteen years ago as near as I can guess at it.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Then you married a second time? A Yes sir.  
Q Then whom did you marry? A Spain Parker.  
Q When did you and Spain Parker marry? A About three years ago, or four.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage to either of your husbands? A No sir, but one to Spain.  
Q Have you that with you? A No sir.  
Q How many of these children are of your first marriage? A Just one.  
Q Which one? A The oldest one.  
Q That child's name is Euna Hays that? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of this child, Eddie? A Musgrove.  
Q You were never married to a man named Musgrove? A No sir, I wasn't married to him.  
Q Was Hays dead before your child Eddie was born? A Yes sir, he was dead.  
Q Then you were unmarried sometime between the time Hays died and your marriage to Parker? A Yes sir.  
Q What do you call your child, Nona? A Nona Parker.  
Q That is the child of your present marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q And your child Spain? Spain Parker? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your name now? A Malinda Parker now.  
Q Anybody here knows your have been married to Hays and Parker? A Yes sir, Sarah Glass.

Sarah Glass, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Sarah Glass.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation

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A I lived in the Cherokee Nation all my life.  
Q You know this woman here? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know her father? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Jake Crapo.  
Q And her mother? A Lucy.  
Q This woman has been married twice has she? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her first husband? A Abe Hays.  
Q Give me the name of her second husband? A Spain Parker.  
Q How many children has this woman? A She's got four, I believe.  
Q Is the oldest child Hays' child? A Yes sir.  
Q Born of that marriage? A Yes sir.  
Q Then she had another child after that marriage before she married Parker? A Yes sir.  
Q What do they call that child? A Eddie Musgrove.  
Q How many children has she got since she married Parker? A Two.  
Q And you know this child Eddie Musgrove to be her own natural child? A Yes sir, I know its father.  
Q Have you known this woman all the time? A Yes sir, children together, grew up together.  
Q Been living together all the time? A Yes sir, close neighbors.  
Q And you know this child was born to her; no adopted child?  
A No sir, it is her child, no adopted child.

Redirect.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found upon the authenticated roll ~~as follows:~~  
as follows:

Page 518, No. 468, Malinda Crapo, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants not found thereon.

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and her two older children are found thereon as follows:

Page 74, No. 1872, Malinda Crapo, Illinois District.

Page 74, No. 1875, Una Crapo, Illinois District.

Page 74, No. 1874, Ed Crapo, Illinois District.

Q Now, you want these children enrolled as Hays and Musgrove; that is their real names? A Yes sir.

Q Where were you in '96 when they took the last census roll? A I couldn't tell, down here at Vian I guess.

Q Do you remember applying to have your name put down on the census roll? A Yes sir.

Q You think you were just overlooked? A I expect so.

By J. S. Davenport, Cherokee Representative-

Q You lived in the Cherokee Nation all the time? A Yes sir.

Commissioner-

The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton Roll; she states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and her change of name arising from marriage is established by her own and other satisfactory personal testimony. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Her oldest child, Euna Hays, is identified with the applicant on the Kerns Clifton Roll as Una Crapo; this child is living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The next child, Eddie Musgrove, is identified with the applicant on the Kerns Clifton Roll as Ed Crapo; it is shown that this is the natural child of the applicant, and its proper name is Musgrove, and it will now be listed

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for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman as Eddie Mangrove. This child is said to be now living. The applicant's marriage to her present husband, Parker, who makes no claim to being a Cherokee citizen, is established by satisfactory personal testimony; and when the Commission is supplied with proper certificates of births of the two children of this marriage, Nona and Spain Parker, these children also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office VignDistrict Ill

I. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Malinda Crapo Parker Age 28

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 518 No. 468 District Ill

Parents:

Father Jake Crapo Citizenship ColMother Lucy Crapo Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

|     |                  |      |    |      |    |     |      |       |     |        |
|-----|------------------|------|----|------|----|-----|------|-------|-----|--------|
| 2   | Elma Crapo Hayes | Year | KC | Page | 74 | No. | 1873 | Dist. | Ill | 13     |
| 3   | Eddie Musgrave   | Year | KC | Page | 74 | No. | 1874 | Dist. | "   | 12     |
| 4   | Rona Parker      | Year |    | Page |    | No. |      | Dist. |     | 3      |
| 5   | Spain Parker     | Year |    | Page |    | No. |      | Dist. |     | Summit |
| 7.  |                  | Year |    | Page |    | No. |      | Dist. |     |        |
| 8.  |                  | Year |    | Page |    | No. |      | Dist. |     |        |
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| 12. |                  | Year |    | Page |    | No. |      | Dist. |     |        |

Application made by lv (1)Stenographer Rottenberg E.S.

{ (1) on 80 Roll as "Malinda Crapo"  
 (1) KC 74 + 1872 Ill }

(2) on KC Roll "Elma Crapo"

(3) KC "Ed Crapo"

(4) Proof of Birth to be supplied

(5) " " " "

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 659

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Spain Parker*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved, *May 4* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Spain Parker, born on the 10 day of August, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Spain Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mahinda Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Nian, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mahinda Parker, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Spain Parker, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of August, 1900 that said child has been  
named Spain Parker and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Thomas Drew  
George King

Mahinda Parker  
Mrs. Parker

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901

J. M. Ludicrous  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Susana Drew, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mahinda Parker of Spain Parker  
on the 10 day of August, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Spain Parker

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Susie Drew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901.

J. M. Ludicrous  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

My Comm - Ex - Feb 21/1903

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 669

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Nona Parker*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved, *May 4* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Nona Parker (Here insert name of child), born on the 16 day of August, 1897.  
Name of Father: Spain Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mahinda Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Ulan, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northwestern District.

I, Mahinda Parker, on oath state that I am 28 years of age and a citizen, by Freedom, of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Spain Parker, who is a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was born to me on the 16 day of August, 1897, that said child has been named Nona Parker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Thomas Drew  
George King

Mahindia Parker  
mod

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901.

J. M. Bradnicks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northwestern District.

I, Susan Drew, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Mahindia Parker, wife of Spain Parker, on the 16 day of August, 1897, that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Nona Parker.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sosie Drew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901.

My Comm - EX - Feb 2 1905  
J. M. Bradnicks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Applicant for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ola Parker

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

Oct 2

1907

Commissioner.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of  
INFANT CHILD

*W. A. Parker*

as a citizen of

*Massachusetts* Nation.

Approved

*Oct 2*

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*W. A. Parker*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ola Parker, born on the 2 day of March, 1902.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Spain Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Melinda Parker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Union, N.Y.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Arkansas District.

I, Melinda Parker, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Spain Parker, who is a citizen, by  
of the N. S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2 day of March, 1902 that said child has been  
named Ola Parker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

E. H. Morris  
Johnnie Lee

Melinda Parker  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3 day of September, 1902.

R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Arkansas District.

I, Lucie Drew, a midwife, on oath state  
attended on Mrs. Melinda Parker, wife of Spain Parker,  
on the 2 day of March, 1902; that there was born on  
date a Female child; that said child is now living  
(male or female.)  
named Ola Parker.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

E. H. Morris  
Johnnie Lee

Lucie Drew  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 30 day of September, 1902.

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tablequah, I. T., November 12, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Malinda Parker for the enrollment of herself and children, Euna Hayes, Eddie Musgrove, and Nona, Spain and Ola Parker as citizens by blood of the Cherokee Nation.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Roand Vann, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Roand Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q Are you married? A Yes.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Euna Hayes before I married her.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman? A Yes.  
Q When were you married? A The 11th of September, 1904.  
Q Are you and she living together now? A Yes.

I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*May Hudson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of November, 1904.

*Samuel T. Brown*  
Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Spain Parker  
a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Dec 5 1904

C. N. Beckwith Jr.

Commissioner.

John

DEC 5 - 1904

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Spain Parker  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Tean, Ind. Ter., and died on the June day of  
(Here insert name of post office) 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Malinda Parker, on oath state that I am 31  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Tean, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
mother of Spain Parker  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Spain Parker died on the June day of  
(Here insert name of deceased) 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Nov 1904Samuel Forman  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased) 1

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 190\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

VIAN, OKLAHOMA, JUNE 13, 1910.

In re application for the enrollment as a citizen of the  
Cherokee Nation of Spain Parker.

MALINDA PARKER being first duly sworn by Mr. S. A. Mills,  
Deputy clerk for the U. S. District Court,  
testified as follows:

The testimony of said Malinda Parker was taken  
at her home near Vian, Oklahoma.

Questions by Mr. S. A. Mills:

- Q: What is your name? A: Malinda Parker, wife of Spain Parker.  
Q: What is your age? A: About 38 or 39 years old.  
Q: What is your postoffice address? A: Vian, Oklahoma.  
Q: Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians?  
A: Yes a Cherokee Freedman.  
Q: Can you read or write? A: No sir.  
Q: Do you know one, Spain Parker? A: Yes he was my child.  
Q: Who is his father? A: Spain Parker, my husband.  
Q: Where is this child, Spain Parker? A: He is dead.  
Q: When did he die? A: In the next spring after he was born,  
he died near Vian, Oklahoma. He lived nearly one year. He  
died the same year that they were enrolling at Ft. Gibson.

(The records of this office show the date of enrollment on  
Field Card No. 609, containing the names of Malinda Parker and  
Spain Parker, and children to be April 23, 1901.)

- Q: What year was this child, Spain Parker born?  
A: That was in 1900.  
Q: Are you quite sure that this child, Spain Parker was born in  
1900 and died the next year, that would be 1901? A: Yes sir.  
Q: You remember the month this child Spain Parker died?  
A: No, I don't just remember what month it was, it was in the  
Spring. What time in the Spring I don't know but I know it  
was the next spring after he was born, he didn't live quite a  
year. He was born the year they were taking the enrollment  
I know that for sure.  
Q: Have you any written or any other record of the date of the  
death of this child, Spain Parker?  
A: No I never did put it down but I know it was then.  
Q: You remember making an affidavit as to the birth of this child,  
Spain Parker for the use of the Department and the Dawes  
Commission, do you? A: Yes sir.  
Q: How long after that particular time did this child, Spain Parker  
die?



- A: It wasn't long after I made that affidavit that he died, he took sick in the morning and died that same night.
- Q: How long after you made the affidavit of the birth of Spain Parker was it that he died?
- A: It was within a month I am sure.
- Q: What doctor attended this child Spain Parker at his last illness?
- A: We didn't have any, he wasn't sick only one day, he took sick in the morning and died at 12 o'clock that night.
- Q: And this child Spain Parker was not quite a year old?
- A: No sir, he wasn't.
- Q: You are quite sure of that fact are you? A: Yes I am.
- Q: Did you have a coffin for the interment of this child?
- A: Yes his father had it made, it was a home made coffin.
- Q: Was there a minister at his burial?
- A: No just our family. Yes my sister Susan Drew was there too.
- Q: Did you on the 29th day of November 1904 or at any other time make or sign by mark or in any other manner make or acknowledge an affidavit that this child, Spain Parker, your child, died during the month of June 1903?
- A: No sir, I never did, I don't know anything about any such thing.
- Q: Do you know one, J. D. Hicks? R. Palmer & Samuel Foreman?
- A: No sir, I don't know any of them.
- Q: So you never made any such affidavit showing or purporting to show this child, Spain Parker was alive in June 1903 or that he died in June 1903?
- A: No I didn't. I know I didn't. I don't know anything about it it is the first I ever heard of such a thing.
- Q: That being the fact then, such affidavit, if there be one is false and not true?
- A: Yes I don't remember of ever making such an affidavit. I don't know them men, I never saw them and I don't know anything about such a thing. I remember a long time after Spain Parker died, a man from Muskogee, they called him Heffley, Ed Culver of Vian brought him to us and they said they wanted Spain's land, that we had a right to sell it. We didn't know it. He said we were the only heirs, me and my man. He gave us \$480 for the claim and afterwards he had us arrested and took to Sallisaw jail where they kept us there for two days and nights, and while we was in jail, Heffley brought us a paper to sign, and said if we would sign the paper we could go, and we didn't do it and they kept us there two days and nights before they let us go, and I never heard anything more about it until now. I done forgot it all, it is so long ago.
- Q: Do you remember of touching a pen for any-one at the time you say that these men, Heffley and Ed Culver came to you to buy Spain Parker's land?
- A: No sir, I don't remember anything at all about any such thing.
- Q: Can you give me any other information regarding this matter of the selling of the land allotted to Spain Parker?
- A: No, I don't know as I can. My man is out in the field there, you can ask him.

(Witness excused)

SPAIN PARKER being first duly sworn by Mr. S. A. Mills, United States Deputy Clerk, testified at his home near Vian, Oklahoma, as follows:

- Q: What is your name? A: Spain Parker.
- Q: What is your age? A: About 37 years old.

- Q: What is your address? A: Vian.
- Q: Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians?
- A: No sir, I am a State man.
- Q: Can you read or write the English language?
- A: Yes a little.
- Q: Do you know one, Spain Parker, a Cherokee Freedman, a child?
- A: Yes, he was my son.
- Q: Who is his mother? A: Malinda Parker, my wife.
- Q: Where is Spain Parker? A: He is dead.
- Q: When did he die? A: The same year they were enrolling at Ft. Gibson, we went up there to be enrolled, they notified us to come and we went there to be enrolled, they invited us to come, and we went there, and after we gave in our names we came back to Vian and he died that same Spring about a month or two after we got back.
- Q: Have you any written or other record whereby you can fix the date positively?
- A: No sir we didn't put it down as we ought, I just figure it out that way.
- Q: How old was this son, Spain Parker when he died?
- A: He was less than a year old. He was took sick in the morning and died about midnight of the same day. I don't know what was the matter with him, he couldn't talk any.
- Q: Where did you procure the coffin for your son, Spain Parker?
- A: I had it made by a carpenter, it was home made.
- Q: Was the burial held at any particular church or did you have a preacher?
- A: No sir, just our family was there.
- Q: Do you know where I can find some record of the death and burial of this child Spain Parker?
- A: No sir, I don't know.
- Q: You are quite sure it was the same spring your family was enrolled at Ft. Gibson? A: Yes sir.

(The records here show April 22, 1901, date of enrollment)

- Q: Do you know anything about an affidavit purporting to have been made by Malinda Parker that Spain Parker died in June 1903.
- A: No sir I don't know anything about any such affidavit.
- Q: If such an affidavit showing that this child Spain Parker was alive in June 1903 and died in June 1903, then such affidavit is false and not true.
- A: Yes sir.
- Q: Do you know R. Palmer, J. D. Hicks and Samuel Foreman, a Notary Public?
- A: No sir, I don't know any of them men.
- Q: Do you know of your wife making any affidavits of any sort at any time? A: No sir.
- Q: Was there ever an administrator appointed for the estate of this Spain Parker?
- A: Yes I was appointed as the administrator of his estate, I was told it was necessary that he might get what was coming to him from the Nation.
- Q: Where were you appointed? A: At Sallisaw, then Indian Territory before statehood. Judge Gill was the judge.
- Q: At the time you made your application to be appointed as administrator of the estate of Spain Parker, what do you give as being the date of the death of this child Spain Parker?
- A: I don't just remember, I think I said, I wouldn't be just sure but I think it was in 1902, you see that was a long time after the child died, so they put it down that way, but I am sure and know he died the same year they were enrolling--I think that was in 1901 now. The enrollment will tell what year it was he died

- the same year, right after we came back from enrollment.
- Q: Were you enrolled? A: No but I took them down there.
- Q: Then if your appointment as administrator of the estate of Spain Parker shows that the date of the death of said Spain Parker be 1902, it should read 1901?
- A: Yes that would be the right year.
- Q: Has this Spain Parker ever allotted land as his share of the Cherokee Tribal lands?
- A: Yes, the Commissioner filed him near Porum.
- Q: What has become of that land that was filed to this Spain Parker?
- A: Well you see John Heffley of Muskogee came to me and wanted to buy Spain's allotment, he told me I was the heir and could sell it, he offered me \$600 for it and gave me \$480 and said he would give me the balance later, we signed a paper that he had and afterwards about a year after that he had me and my wife arrested and taken to Sallisaw, where they kept us in jail two days and nights for receiving money under false pretenses. The grand jury took it up and turned us loose. Before Heffley had us arrested, he came to us and wanted us to sign some more papers or deeds and after we got out of jail he again came to us and wanted us to sign a paper or deed but we didn't do it.
- Q: Have you received the \$120 balance due on that transaction?
- A: No sir I never did.
- Q: Was it before or after you were appointed administrator of the estate of Spain Parker that you sold the land and received the \$480? A: It was long before that time.
- Q: Have you done anything more about the estate since you were appointed administrator? A: No sir.
- Q: Did this Spain Parker have any brother's or sister's at the time of his death?
- A: Yes he had a full sister, Nona Parker and a half brother named Eddie Muskrow, and a half sister named Una Hayes. Same mother, Malinda Parker by different fathers.
- Q: State whether this sister and half brother and half sister are alive now? A: Yes sir.
- Q: Where are they? A: Eddie Musgrove is married and lives close here. Una Hayes is married, she is now Uno Vann, she lives close by here too, and Nona Parker she lives here with us.
- Q: Can you give me any other information regarding this matter, the date of the death of this child, Spain Parker?
- A: No sir, maybe Susie Drew can. She was there and helped us when he took sick and died.

SUSIE DREW being first duly sworn by Mr. SA. Mills, United States Deputy Clerk, at her home near Vian, Oklahoma, testified as follows, to wit:

- Q: What is your name? A: Susie Drew.
- Q: How old are you? A: About 30 years old.
- Q: What is your postoffice? A: Vian, Oklahoma.
- Q: Are you a citizen of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians.
- A: Yes sir, a Cherokee Freedman.
- Q: Can you read and write? A: Yes some.
- Q: Do you know Spain Parker a Cherokee Freedman?
- A: Yes he is my sister's husband.
- Q: Do you know Spain Parker, the child of Spain Parker who lives up on the mountain?
- A: Yes he was my sister's child.

- Q: What is your sister's name, the mother of this child?  
A: Malinda Parker.  
Q: Where is Spain Parker? A: He is dead.  
Q: When did he die? A: In the Spring of 1901, I think it was the 10th day of May or June, I don't remember just which one.  
Q: How do you fix that date? A: The child was not quite a year old when he died, he was born in August 1900.  
Q: How do you know this to be a fact have you a written or any other record of the date of the death and birth of this Spain Parker?  
A: You see I waited on her when she was born, and I put it down in the book.  
Q: Please let me see the book, and the entry of the birth and death of this child Spain Parker?

(Here witness searched for book and came back and stated as follows).

I can't find the book, the children had it and I guess they tore it up but I know because I put it down and all the rest of my sisters and my own sister always have to come to me when they want to find out when their children were born as I had it down, and I know the child didn't live to be a year old, it died the next Spring after it was born, I know, I was there and waited on her when the child was sick, he took bad sick in the morning and died that night, we didn't know what was the matter with him.

I have a girl now 12 years old last February and she was my baby when Spain was born. She was past two years old then.

- Q: Can you give me any additional information as to the date of the death of Spain Parker?  
A: No only I know it was then August, it was right after we all came back from Ft. Gibson. We had been down to be enrolled. I can't tell you any more, I have told you all I know. I am sorry that my book is gone but I know what I have told you is right.

This is all the evidence introduced in the above matter on said date.

S. A. Mills, being first duly sworn, on oath states that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of the evidence taken by him on June 13, 1910, at Vian, Oklahoma, in re application for the enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Spain Parker.

S. A. Mills

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 14 day of June, 1910.

*My commission expires  
March 21-1912*

A. B. Morrison  
Notary Public.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, August 8, 1910.

The Honorable

Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to bring to the attention of the Department the case of Spain Parker, a Cherokee freedman enrolled opposite No. 1551 on the final roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

On January 12, 1906, there having been filed with this office an affidavit that the said Spain Parker died in June 1903, there was allotted to his estate the NE of the SE4; the SW4 of SE4, and the SE4 of the SW4 of Section 25, Township 11 North, Range 18 East, being land of the appraised value of \$320, to which allotment certificates and deeds were subsequently issued and delivered. His allotment being thus incomplete, and there being due to equalize the allotment under the provisions of the Act of March 3, 1909, the sum of \$11.20, his name was placed upon the pay roll prepared from which to make the payment directed by said Act. When the administrator of this estate applied to draw the money due his letters of administration were filed and being examined were found to contain the statement that Spain Parker, Jr., died on April 15,

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1902; payment was refused and the matter investigated with the result that the evidence secured in this investigation shows conclusively that Spain Parker died in 1901, and consequently under the provisions of section 31 of the Act of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), he was not entitled to an allotment of land.

On July 11, 1910, Malinda Parker and Spain Parker, mother and father of Spain Parker, deceased, and the heirs of this estate, were notified by registered mail of the information secured by the office and that they would be allowed thirty days within which to file a protest against recommendation being made to the Department that a notation be entered on the final roll of Cherokee freedmen that Spain Parker having died prior to September 1, 1902, was not entitled to land or money. These notices were received as is evidenced by the return of the registry receipts properly signed, but no response thereto has been made. However, it appears from an abstract covering the land allotted to Spain Parker, that this land was on May 11, 1906, conveyed by warranty deed by Malinda and Spain Parker, only heirs to this estate, and inasmuch as the records of this office at that time contained nothing showing that this person was not entitled to an allotment it seems probable that the purchasers of this land had no notice of the death of the allottee prior to September 1, 1902, and that



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consequently title to the land has passed to innocent purchasers for a valuable consideration.

In the event the Department does not desire to institute proceedings to set aside the deeds to this land, I respectfully recommend that the following notation, or one of similar import, be entered on all copies of the final roll of Cherokee freedmen opposite No. 1531:

"Died prior to September 1, 1902;  
not entitled to further distribution  
of the tribal property of the Cherokee  
Nation."

The record of proceedings in this case, together with the abstract of title as to the land allotted, is inclosed herewith.

Attention is called to a discrepancy in the abstract as to the warranty deed given by Malinda and Spain Parker, which does not properly describe the land allotted, but this is unquestionably an error either in the abstract or the record in the substitution of the word and for of, and probably would not vitally affect the title to the land intended to be conveyed.

Respectfully,

WSDM(LS)  
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Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Muskogee, Oklahoma, July 11, 1910.

Mr. Spain Parker,  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Sir:

From the testimony given by you and your wife, Malinda Parker, to a representative of this office on June 13, 1910, it appears that your minor son, Spain Parker, died in 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), provides:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person or to the heirs of any person whose name is on said (Cherokee) roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two."

You are, therefore, notified that you will be allowed thirty days from this date within which to file such protest as you may desire against recommendation being made to the Secretary of the Interior that a notation be placed on the approved rolls of Cherokee freedmen that Spain Parker, having died prior to September 1, 1902, is not entitled to land or money of the Cherokee tribe.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

WSDM(CM)

Register.



Muskogee, Oklahoma, July 11, 1910.

Malinda Parker,  
Vian, Oklahoma.

Madam:

From the testimony given by you and your husband, Spain Parker, to a representative of this office on June 13, 1910, it appears that your minor son, Spain Parker, died in 1901.

The Act of Congress of July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), provides:

"That no allotment of land or other tribal property shall be made to any person or to the heirs of any person whose name is on said (Cherokee) roll and who died prior to the first day of September, nineteen hundred and two."

You are, therefore, notified that you will be allowed thirty days from this date within which to file such protest as you may desire against recommendation being made to the Secretary of the Interior that a notation be placed on the approved rolls of Cherokee freedmen that Spain Parker, having died prior to September 1, 1902, is not entitled to land or money of the Cherokee tribe.

Respectfully,

WSDM(CM)

Commissioner.

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The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report, dated August 8, 1910, from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, relative to the death of Spain Parker whose name appears opposite number 1531 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen. It is shown by the inclosed papers that Spain Parker died prior to September 1, 1902, and that under the provisions of Sec. 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat. L., 716), he was not entitled to have any allotment of land or other tribal property of the Cherokee Nation made to him or to his heirs.

It appears from the Commissioner's report that the heirs of Spain Parker were notified of the purpose of placing opposite his name on the above mentioned roll the notation "died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land

or money," and were afforded an opportunity to show cause why said action should not be taken. It further appears from the Commissioner's report that on January 12, 1906, an affidavit to the effect that Spain Parker died in June 1903, having been filed in his office, there was allotted to the estate of said Spain Parker certain land in the Cherokee Nation for which allotment certificates and deeds were subsequently issued and delivered. The fact that Spain Parker died prior to September 1, 1902, was not ascertained until the administrator of the estate applied for the equalization money, the payment of which money was refused.

It further appears from the Commissioner's report that the heirs of the estate of Spain Parker conveyed the allotted land by a warranty deed to others and that inasmuch as the records of his Office at that time contained nothing showing that Spain Parker was not entitled to an allotment it is probable that the purchasers of this land had no notice that the allottee had died prior to September 1, 1902; consequently it seems that the title to said land has passed to innocent purchasers for a valuable consideration.

The Office does not concur in the recommendation of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes as to the character of the notation which should be placed upon the rolls opposite the name of Spain Parker. The fact that an allotment of land was erroneously made to the heirs of Spain

Parker does not alter the fact that he was not entitled to have any allotment of land made to him or his heirs. The Office recommends that there be placed opposite the name of Spain Parker at 1531 on the final approved roll of Cherokees freedmen the notation "died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land or money," and that this Office and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes be authorized to make a similar notation upon the copies of the rolls in their possession.

In view of the status of the land in question as shown by the records in said case, the Office is of the opinion that a suit to cancel the allotment deeds erroneously issued and to recover said land could not be successfully maintained.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) C.F. Hauke,  
Acting Commissioner.

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Approved:

(Signed) Jesse E. Wilson.  
Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,

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The Commissioner

to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Sir:

Referring to your report of August 8, 1910, relative to the death of Spain Parker, whose name appears opposite No. 1531 on the final approved roll of Cherokee freedmen, you are advised that the Department, on October 22, 1910, authorized placing opposite the name of Spain Parker on the above mentioned roll, the notation: "Died prior to September 1, 1902; not entitled to land or money."

A copy of approved Office letter of October 21, 1910, is inclosed for your information.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) John Francis Jr.  
Acting Chief Land Division.

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Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of April, 1901.

Notary Public.

Wherefore is a bill. The said witness testimony of his agent, who  
corroborates the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes. He corroborates  
the undersigned, being duly sworn, attests that the foregoing

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Department of the Interior.  
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In the matter of the application of Rachel Winters for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner S. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Rachel Winters.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Children.  
Q How many children? A Four.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Ed Drew.  
Q Is he dead? A Dead.  
Q How long has he been dead? A He's been dead before I was born.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Fannie.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir, she's dead.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She's been dead ever since I was about two years old.  
Q You have been married, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q How many times? A Once.  
Q To whom were you married? A Charley Winters.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir, he's living.  
Q When were you married to him? A In '96 I think.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.  
Q You were never married except to this man? A No sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Harrison Hills.  
Q How old is that child? A He's 7.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Joe Brown.  
Q How old is that child? A Five.  
Q The next child? A Fannie Winters.  
Q How old is that child? A Three.  
Q The next child? A Hannah Winters.  
Q How old is that child? A Five months old.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Is there anybody knows that you and Charley Winters are married?  
A My grandfather, Edmond Campbell.

Edmond Campbell, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Edmond Campbell.  
Q How old are you? A I was born Dec. 25, 1822.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation for the last forty or fifty years? A Since I was ten years past.  
Q Are you the father of this applicant here? A Grandfather.  
Q She's married is she? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of her husband? A Charley Winters.  
Q About how long have they been married? A I couldn't tell exactly; I haven't got that set.  
Q Several years? A Yes.  
Q She's known as Rachel Winters now? A Yes sir.  
Q How many children has she? A Four.  
Q She had two children before she married Winters, didn't she?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You remember the names of these children? A Yes sir, they are my grandchildren.  
Q What is the name of the first child? A Harrison Hills.  
Q The name of the next child? A Joe Brown.  
Q Now, she never was married to Hill or Brown? A No sir.  
Q Are they this woman's own children? A Yes sir.  
Q Born to her? A Yes sir.  
Q No adopted children? A No sir.  
Q You know that of your own knowledge? A Yes sir.  
Q Been in your family all the time? A Yes sir, I raised her.

Applicant further testified-

- Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled in any other nation or tribe?



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A No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 80, No. 8, Rachel Drew, Orphan Roll, Tahlequah District.

Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money? A No sir, they wouldn't accept of it because it wasn't on the 1880 pay roll; they put it down as Sophia Campbell and her granddaughter, they said it was on the pay roll as Sophia Campbell and granddaughter, but I didn't see it.

Q You are not on the census roll of 1896? A I don't know what roll that was. I am on the Wallace roll.

Q Did you draw money under the Wallace roll? A Yes sir. My grandmother drew for me in 1880.

Q That is the only roll you think you are on except as a child on the '80 roll? A Yes sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

Q You didn't draw strip money for either Harrison or Joe? A No sir, for none of the children.

Q Nor Joe Brown? A No sir.

The Kerns Clifton roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

Examination by J. S. Davenport, Cherokee representative-

Q Where have you been living for the last fifteen years? A Here in Tahlequah District.

Q Out where by Park Hill? A Yes sir.

Q Ever lived anywhere else except in the Cherokee Nation? A No sir, Park Hill and Tahlequah.

Q Sophia Campbell was your grandmother? A Yes sir, she raised me.

Q On your mother's side or your father's side? A She is my mother's mother.



Q Was your father a Freedman? A I don't know whether he was or not. He died before I was born. My grandmother drew for me; I was an orphan and put me down on the 1880 orphan roll.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and four children; she is duly identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she is on the Wallace roll, but she is not identified on the Kerns Clifton roll, or upon the roll of 1896; her change of name arising from marriage is established by the testimony of her grandfather as well as her own. She is shown to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She had two children prior to her marriage, and they are shown to be her natural children; the oldest of these children has the name of Harrison Hills; he is not upon any roll; the next child is Joe Brown; he is not upon any roll. The next two are Fannie and Hannah Winters, who are too young to be upon any roll; the applicant is desired to supply the Commission with certificates of births of all four of these children, and as it is shown in a satisfactory manner that they are her natural children, they will be enrolled under the names given respectively, as Cherokee Freedmen.

S. R. V.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case; and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.


Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of April, 1901.

  
  
Commissioner.

*T.B. J. bid*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office TahleDistrict Tahle

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Rachel Winters Age 25

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 30 No. 8 District Tahle (Orpha Roll)

Parents:

Father Ed Drew Citizenship Col DMother Hammie Drew Citizenship Col D

Names of Children:

| No. | Name           | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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| 3   | Joe Brown      |      |      |     |       |
| 4   | Hammie Winters |      |      |     |       |
| 5   | Hannah Winters |      |      |     |       |
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Application made by No (1)Stenographer Rothenberger E.G.

(1) on 80 Roll as "Rachel Drew"

(2) "the"

(3) Proof of Birth to be supplied

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN #610

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of.

INFANT CHILD

*Shammah McIntire*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

*June 10*

1901

*D. B. S.*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*IX RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the* *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Hannah Winters*, born on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Charlie Winters*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Rachel Winters*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Sahlegueh, S. O.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, *Rachel Winters*, on oath state that I am *25*  
years of age and a citizen, by *adoption*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Charlie Winters*, who is a citizen, by  
of the *U.S.* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*, 1900 that said child has been  
named *Hannah Winters*, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Rachel Winters*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *1<sup>st</sup>* day of *June*, 1901.

Commission Expires

SEP 12 1903

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, *Hannah Johnson*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Rachel Winters*, wife of *Charlie Winters*,  
on the *19<sup>th</sup>* day of *November*, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named *Hannah Winters*.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

*Ben Sander*

*Hannah Johnson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *2* day of *May*, 1901.

*CH Strait*

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

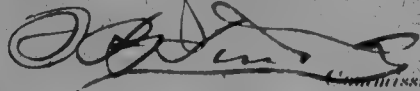
Joe Brown  
as a citizen of  
Chekokee

Nation.

Approved,

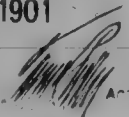
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ACTING COMMISSIONER

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Joe Brown (Here insert name of child), born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1895.  
Name of Father: Refus Brown, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rachel McInters, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chahleguah, S. O.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Rachel McInters, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Refus Brown, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
born to me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1895; that said child has been  
named Joe Brown and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rachel McInters

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1901.

J. S. Bayles  
Commission Expires SEP 12 1903  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, Hannah Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rachel Brown, wife of Refus Brown,  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1895; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Joe Brown.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Hannah Johnson  
C. C. Strait  
Ben Sanders

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1901.

C. H. Strait

NOTARY PUBLIC.



CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. # 610

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Marion Winters

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

June 10

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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JUN 10 1901

*[Signature]*

ACTING COMMISSIONER

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Sammy Winters, born on the 24th day of February, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Charlie Winters, citizen of the U. S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rachel Winters, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Hahleguah, S. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

Rachel Winters, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Charlie Winters, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 24th day of February, 1898 that said child has been  
named Sammy Winters, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Rachel Winters

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of June, 1901.

C. J. Burples  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Commission Expires SEP 12 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Hannah Johnson, Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rachel Winters, wife of Charles Winters,  
on the 24th day of February, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Sammy Winters.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

W. C. Strait  
Ben Sanders

Hannah Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1901.

W. C. Strait  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. *#610*  
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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Harrison Hill*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved, *June 10*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

FILED

JUN 10 1901

*[Signature]*

ACTING CLERK.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Harrison Hill born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1894  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Nathan Hill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Rachel Winters, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wahlequah, S. C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northham District.  
I, Rachel Winters, on oath state that I am 25  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Nathan Hill, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1894 that said child has been  
named Harrison Hill, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Rachel Winters?

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1<sup>st</sup> day of June, 1901.

Commissioner

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NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northham District.  
I, Hannah Johnson, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Rachel Hill, wife of Nathan Hill,  
on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1894 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Harrison Hill  
(male or female)

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

C. C. Strait  
Ben S. Anderson

Hannah Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2 day of May, 1901.

C. C. Strait

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Vinita, Indian Territory, May 21st, 1901.

Rachel Winters, Col'd.,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Madam:--

Enclosed herewith you will find birth certificates in the matter of the applications for enrollment as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation of Harrison Hill, Joe Brown, Fannie Winters and Hannah Winters, your children. The same are returned to you for the reason that you failed to make affidavit as to the births of these children. When this has been done forward the birth certificates to the Commission at Muskogee where they will be further considered.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

Enc. C. F. #610.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Minnie Carter for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Minnie Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes sir, one child.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Arch Carter.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother. A Sarah.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Thomas Nivens.  
Q How old is that child? A Six years old.  
Q Is that child living now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A No sir.  
Q Is this your own child? A Yes sir.  
Q Who knows that? A Nels Lowry.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 745, No. 450, Minnie Carter, Tahlequah Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1305, No. 79, Minnie Carter, Tahlequah District.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money for this child? A No sir.  
Q Was there any Thomas Carter besides that child? A No, we always put the child's name down as Thoms Carter.  
Q There is a child put down with your father and mother and with all their children - was there any other Thomas Carter put down there besides your child? A No sir.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's child is found on page 1305, No. 83, Thomas Carter, Tahlequah Dist.

Nelson Lowry, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Nelson Lowry.  
Q How old are you? A Forty.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You know the applicant here Minnie Carter? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A Ever since she was a baby.  
Q Is she a daughter of Arch and Sarah Carter? A Yessir.  
Q She has a child, hasn't she? A Well, I don't know anything about her marriage; she is a niece of mine; we lived twenty miles apart.  
Q Do you know that she is claimed to have a child? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been to the house? A Yes sir, I have been to the house.  
Q Did you see a child there that she has always owned as her child? A Yes sir, I have seen several children; there are some grandchildren there; her sisters have some children.  
Q And you understood that one of the children are this applicant's child? A Yes sir.  
~~Q I don't know what they call him? A No sir, I don't.~~  
Q You don't know what they call him? A No sir, I don't.  
Q But you have always understood that this woman had a child? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you last at their house? A About a year ago.

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- Q Was the child living then? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old is it? A I haven't an idea what it is.  
Q You don't know which one it is? A No sir, her mother is in town, she can give better information than I can about it.

The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1886 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She applied for the enrollment also of her child, Thomas Nivens; the applicant has never been married, and she gives the name of the child Nivens, whom she states is the father of the child. This child is duly identified on the roll of 1886 with its mother; it is living and it will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman under the name of Thomas Nivens.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

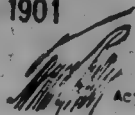
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Fort Gibson

District Tahle

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Minnie Carter Age 21

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 745 No. 450 District Tahle

Parents:

Father Arch Carter Citizenship Col

Mother Sarah Carter Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

3. Thomas Nivens Year 1896 Page 1305 No. 83 Dist. Tahle 6

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer Rottenberger 29

(1) - 96 Roll

1305 # 79 Tahle

(2) on 96 Roll. "Thomas Carter"

Cherokee F-611

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 12, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Minnie Carter for the enrollment of herself and son, Thomas Nivens, as Cherokee Freedmen, Cherokee F-611.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

Minnie Johnson, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Minnie Johnson.  
Q How old are you? A 23.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Under what name were you enrolled? A Minnie Carter.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got a son named Thomas Nivens? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A The 18th day of this last June.  
Q Who were you married to? A Samuel Johnson.  
Q Is he a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he the son of Tobe and Patsy Johnson? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and Samuel Johnson living together now? A Yes sir.
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I, May Hudson, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes I correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

May Hudson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of August, 1904.

Daniel Foreman  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sarah Glass for the enrollment of her father, Wallace Payne, and his child James Payne, as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name. A Sarah Glass.  
Q How old are you? A 31.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Vian.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled? A My father.  
Q That is all is it? A No sir, he has one child.  
Q Why does not your father apply for himself? A He is sick and not able to get here, and is old.  
Q Give me the name of your father. A Wallace Payne.  
Q How old is your father? A I guess he's about 40.  
Q He must be over forty? A About 50; he's awfully old.  
Q You don't seem to have much idea of time? A No sir.  
Q I understand he was forty years old in 1880; he must be at least 60 now? A I expect he is.  
Q Is he sick? A Yes sir, and is at my house, and I moved him there since I was up here.  
Q Is he just sick for a while or permanently sick? A He's permanently sick; he's been sick for about three weeks.  
Q And he removed to your house? A Yes sir, I moved him there Saturday.  
Q How long has your father lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All his life.  
Q You say you want to apply for a child of your father's? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of that child? A James Payne.  
Q Why does not this child apply for himself? A Its a right young child; he's married again.  
Q How old is the child? A Its about two years old.  
Q How many times has your father been married? A He's been married twice.  
Q To whom was he married the first time? A My mother.  
Q Give me her name? A Martha Payne.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q When did your father marry Martha Payne? A I don't know, sir, after the war some time.  
Q They parted did they? A Yes sir, they parted.  
Q When did they part? A They parted when I was a child.  
Q Did your father ever get a divorce from Martha Payne? A I don't know sir.  
Q Was Martha Payne ever married before she married your father? A She said she wasn't.  
Q Was your father ever married before he married her? A No sir.  
Q After they parted your father married again? A Yes sir.  
Q When was it they parted? A When I was a child, I couldn't tell when it was.  
Q Who was it he married the second time? A This woman he's got now.  
Q What is her name? A Lou.  
Q Is this woman a Cherokee Freedman? A She says she is; she's part Cherokee, this woman he's got now.  
Q Why doesn't this woman come and apply for herself and child? A She didn't have the money and she didn't know whether she could get on the roll or not.  
Q What was her name when she married your father? A I don't know, sir, she told me, but I forgot; she claims she was raised in Sequoyah; she claims her parents died there.  
Q But you don't know anything about her? A No sir, I don't know anything about her; she is a Cherokee though and she looks like a Cherokee.  
Q How long has she and your father been married? A About seven years.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the father of the applicant is found on page 565, No. 1379, Wallace Payne, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's father not found thereon.

The Kerns Clifton Roll examined and the name of the applicant's father is found on page 110, No. 2743, Wallace Payne, Sequoyah District.

The applicant's father's wife not identified on the tribal rolls in the possession of the Commission.

Q We can't identify this child's mother, and so far as your evidence goes, we can't establish whether your father was lawfully married to her? A They were lawfully married.

Q But that's what we can't prove? A He had a certificate or what ever it was and I forgot to fetch it.

Q But your father may never have gotten a divorce from his first wife? A That may be, I don't know.

Q So under the circumstances, I will list the child, but on a doubtful card to await further evidence and the mother will have to come and show something about herself and also your father will have to establish his divorce from his first wife? A Yes sir.

The applicant applies for the enrollment of her father and a half brother, the latter being her father's child by a recent marriage; she states that her father is old and ill, and unable to apply for himself. The father, Wallace Payne, is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns Clifton Roll as a Cherokee Freedman; he is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. As for the enrollment of the child, James Payne, said to be about two years of age, it appears that the mother of this child and its father were married some seven years ago; nothing can be ascertained at this time as to whether the child's mother was in a position to contract a lawful marriage. This child's father is said to have been previously married and to have been separated from his former wife who is said to be still alive, and there is no evidence that he ever procured a divorce from that wife. Under these conditions, the child James Payne, will, when the Commission is supplied with a certificate of its birth, be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman on a doubtful card to await evidence of divorce of the father from his first wife and also further proof of lawful marriage between the child's mother and its father.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

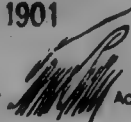
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Commissioner.

B. J. 612.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office VeanDistrict Lee1. Name Wallace PayneAge 60

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880 Page 565 No. 1379District Illinois

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

~~Name of wife~~

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

1. James Payne

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Application made by

Sarah Glass (daughter)

Stenographer

Rothenberger E. G.(1) at K.C. Row 110# 2743 Seq

C O P Y .

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 9, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letters of May 31, 1905, (I.T.D. 6186-1905), June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), and January 12, 1906 (I.T.D. 110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, there are inclosed herewith affidavits as to the death of certain of said persons. The number of the enrollment card on which these persons are listed, the number opposite which they appear on the approved partial roll of Cherokee citizens, and their names are as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 778      | 29634    | Wakes Step       |
| 965      | 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 967      | 2621     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 968      | 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 993      | 2687     | Lovely M. Moore  |
| 682      | 1924     | James M. Thomas  |
| 687      | 1935     | Ned Acorn        |
| 1002     | 2710     | Grover H. Morris |
| 1021     | 2772     | Allen Conley     |
| 1033     | 2818     | Mary Price       |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.                 |
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| 1038     | 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 1059     | 2890     | David W. Ross         |
| 1063     | 2906     | Gideon F. Morris      |
| 1075     | 2943     | Theodore Quessenbury  |
| 1097     | 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 1111     | 3039     | Janana Taylor         |
| 1120     | 3066     | Hannie B. Barnes      |
| 1125     | 3083     | William F. Vann       |
| 1134     | 3107     | George Ross           |
| 1138     | 29731    | Archibald Christie    |
| 1148     | 3154     | Julian L. Pickle      |
| 1185     | 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 1186     | 3273     | William B. Whitsett   |
| 1197     | 3294     | Watie Dawton Palmer   |
| 1271     | 3473     | Reuben McInery        |
| 1281     | 3497     | May Akin              |
| 1297     | 3580     | Henry R. Bengé        |
| 1302     | 3577     | Ernest M. Moton       |
| 1315     | 3612     | Joseph Crossland      |
| 1340     | 3684     | Eliza Couch           |
| 1404     | 3827     | Robert E. Barnes      |
| 1415     | 26356    | Walter R. Downing     |
| 1428     | 3876     | Thomas Faulkner       |
| 1435     | 3903     | Walker Russell        |
| 1438     | 3915     | Pellie Collier        |
| 1469     | 4000     | Richard McPherson     |
| 1545     | 4159     | Ruthy M. Patton       |
| 1567     | 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 1575     | 4216     | Noley Allison         |
| 1575     | 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 1606     | 4288     | Henry Ballard         |
| 1635     | 4365     | Louisa McClanahan     |
| 1639     | 27321    | Sansa Duval           |
| 2251     | 5845     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 3070     | 7597     | Robert F. Fields      |
| 5832     | 13966    | Lillian A. Huddleston |
| 6006     | 14352    | Henry Sunday          |
| 6398     | 15314    | Jennie Odelede        |
| 6421     | 15379    | Emery H. Linder       |
| 6569     | 15737    | Susie H. Walker       |
| 7654     | 18045    | Claud Kumpé           |
| 8698     | 20140    | Ben Skitt             |
| 9455     | 21503    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 9491     | 21556    | Daniel Garard         |

| Card No. | Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|----------|------------------|
| 511      | 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 545      | 1365     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 548      | 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 566      | 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 612      | 1540     | Wallace Payne    |

The Department's instructions of June 1, 1905 (I.T.D. 6240-1905), and October 4, 1905 (I.T.D. 12228-1905), as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons have been complied with. Notice, under date of March 1, 1906, of the information received as to the date of the death of the above named persons, was given by publication for four consecutive issues in "The Cherokee Advocate" and "The Sallisaw Star" both weekly newspapers of general circulation, the former published in the Cherokee Nation at Tahlequah, Indian Territory, and the latter published at Sallisaw, Indian Territory, in the Recording District in which the above named persons are shown to have resided at the time of their death. The first issue of this publication in "The Cherokee Advocate" was on March 3, and the first issue in "The Sallisaw Star" was on March 9, 1906. Attention was called to Section 31 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716 ), and notice given to the heirs of the persons named, the administrators of their estates, or any other person having any interest in the estates of the decedents, that the Commissioner would, at the expiration

of sixty days from the date of the notice, recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said persons as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, unless conclusive evidence was presented to the effect that said persons were living on September 1, 1902.

In addition to this notice a letter was on May 1, 1906, addressed to each of the above named persons, or his heirs, at his last known post-office advising the information received, the law with reference to the making of the roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and that unless conclusive evidence was presented within thirty days from date to the effect that the decedent was living September 1, 1902, the Commissioner would recommend to the Secretary of the Interior the cancellation of the enrollment of said person as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

No information having been received that any one of the above named persons was living September 1, 1902, it is respectfully recommended that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Commissioner of Indian Affairs; that this office be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in its possession, and that the applications for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-15.

G.H.L.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

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C O P Y

August 23, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated August 9, 1906, forwarding affidavits as to the deaths of certain persons whose names appear on a partial roll of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation. Commissioner Bixby refers to Departmental letters of May 31, (I.T.D 61 6-1906), June 1 (I.T.D.6240-1905), October 4, (I.T.D.12228-1905), and January 12, (I.T.D.110-1906), relative to striking from the approved roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation the names of 286 persons who are shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the Department's instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons, have been complied with and no information having been received that any of the persons enumerated in his report were living on September 1, 1902, he recommends that their names be stricken from the approved partial rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and this office, and that he be authorized

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to strike their names from the copies of the approved partial rolls in his possession, and that the application for their enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation be dismissed.

The affidavits have been examined in this Office, and are transmitted herewith, the Office concurring in the Commissioner's recommendation.

Very respectfully,

F. H. Loupp.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, FBI.  
WASHINGTON.

I.T.D.14720-1906.

August 29, 1906.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

August 9, 1906, you forwarded affidavits as to the deaths of 59 persons whose names appear on the approved rolls of citizens of the Cherokee Nation, and recommended that their names be stricken from the approved rolls of citizens and freedmen of the Cherokee Nation in the possession of the Department and the Indian Office, and that you be authorized to strike their names from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, you having complied with departmental instructions as to the proceedings to be taken with reference to these persons.

Reporting August 23, 1906, the Indian Office concurs in your recommendation. A copy of its letter is inclosed.

The Department also concurs and you are authorized to strike the names of said persons from the copies of the approved rolls in your possession, as follows:

Cherokees by blood.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
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| 29634    | Wakee Step       |
| 2617     | Ava W. Price     |
| 2621     | Grover C. Burrow |
| 2626     | Samuel Oer       |
| 2687     | Lovely M. Moore. |



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| Roll No. | Name.                 |
|----------|-----------------------|
| 1924     | James F. Thomas       |
| 1926     | Ned Asarn             |
| 2710     | Grover H. Morris      |
| 2772     | Aller Senley          |
| 2818     | Kary Price            |
| 2840     | John Overtaker        |
| 2690     | David W. Ross         |
| 2908     | Gideon P. Morris      |
| 2942     | Theodore Quensenbury  |
| 2996     | Lillian R. Peters     |
| 3039     | Janana Taylor         |
| 3068     | Fannie B. Barnes      |
| 3083     | William T. Vann       |
| 3107     | George Ross           |
| 3131     | Archibald Christie    |
| 3154     | Julian L. Hickie      |
| 3271     | Luther Starr          |
| 3273     | William W. Whitsett   |
| 3294     | Wattie Burton Palmer  |
| 3473     | Reuben Volnery        |
| 3497     | May Akin              |
| 3580     | Henry R. Range        |
| 3577     | Ernest W. Holton      |
| 3612     | Joseph Grissland      |
| 3634     | Eliza Gough           |
| 3641     | Robert E. Farnes      |
| 3635     | Walter R. Downing     |
| 3676     | Thomas Paulkner       |
| 3803     | Walker Russell        |
| 3913     | Belle Collier         |
| 4000     | Richard Matherson     |
| 4150     | Ruthy H. Patton       |
| 4199     | Robert Lee Waters     |
| 4216     | Wiley Allison         |
| 4217     | Arthur Allison        |
| 4282     | Henry Ballard         |
| 4365     | Louisa McManahan      |
| 47321    | Emma Duval            |
| 5041     | Clarence R. Lee       |
| 7397     | Robert F. Fielder     |
| 13965    | Lillian A. Muddleston |
| 14332    | Henry Sunday          |
| 15314    | Jennie Odeleida       |
| 15379    | Emery R. Binder       |
| 15737    | Elmie E. Walker       |
| 18045    | Claud Humpe           |
| 20140    | Len Skitt             |
| 21608    | Robert L. Humphry     |
| 21856    | Daniel Garard         |

Cherokee Freedmen.

| Roll No. | Name.            |
|----------|------------------|
| 1290     | William Ellis    |
| 1368     | Julia E. G. Gray |
| 1374     | Sallie Fields    |
| 1429     | Ethel Smith      |
| 1540     | Wallace Payne.   |

Respectfully,

Jesse E. Wilson

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Assistant Secretary.

Cherokee Freedmen

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 25, 1906

J. W. Glass,

Nowata, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There are herewith returned affidavits of Lottie Drew, Edman Chote and Pete Cloud, which were recently left by you at this office, in connection with the Cherokee freedmen citizenship of Wallace Payne. You are advised that this office does not file affidavits in connection with citizenship cases in the Cherokee Nation.

You have been verbally informed as to the citizenship status in the Cherokee Nation of Wallace Payne.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

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Cherokee F.  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 5, 1906.

Sarah Glass,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of your father, Wallace Payne, who is shown to have died prior to September 1, 1902, you are advised that his name was stricken from the approved roll of freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and the application for his enrollment dismissed by the Secretary of the Interior August 29, 1906.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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TO THE SECRETARY OF THE ARMY, WASHINGTON, D. C.

For rent.

La Crosse is a fine and complete illustration of this phenomenon. I recorded the population of "stone crabs" in the "cove," and that the answer to the question, "to the 'live crabs' of La Crosse," is correctly "I. O. Herson," and that the answer to the question, "to the 'stone crabs' of La Crosse," is correctly "I. O. Herson."

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A colored Freedman. He will be listed as "Annoyment" on the tax commission is equipped with a certificate of the said Annoyment. It is too young to be upon any roll. When shown first by Child, Grade Fifth, is the natural child of he stated for Annoyment as a colored Freedman. It is lived in the Charlotteville for eleven years and she will now identify her son as Roll of No. The applic ation will move in identification on the roll of 1880, and thus prove sister in law of a white sister who is half sister through the mother her mother is claiming. In fact, is established by the next the roll of 1880, and thus is identified on the roll of 1886. ment of herself and one child. She is too young to be on

Col's BRONCHITIS:-The compound applied for the relief-

#3986, Tulsa, Oklahoma, Illinois District, examined and sufficient, a name found, the son, born 1922, the 1964 Census roll of citizens of the Garfield District

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lula Mackey for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedman; said Mackey being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q. Give me your full name? A. Lula Mackey.  
Q. How old are you? A. 17.  
Q. What is your present office? A. Fort Gibson.  
Q. In what district do you live? A. Illinois.  
Q. Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A. Yes, sir, a child.  
Q. One child? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. I have lived here all my life.  
Q. Give me the name of your father? A. Crockett Mackey.  
Q. Is he dead? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. How long has he been dead? A. I don't know, sir.  
Q. Give me the name of your mother? A. Jane Mackey.  
Q. Is she dead? A. No, sir.  
Q. Have you ever been married? A. No, sir.  
Q. Give me the name of your child? A. Claude Smith.  
Q. How old is the child? A. Two years old.

EMMA ALWELL, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q. What is your name? A. Emma Alwell.  
Q. How old are you? A. 28.  
Q. What is your present office? A. Nowata.  
Q. How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q. Do you know this applicant here? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is she any kin to you? A. My half sister.  
Q. Have you got the same mother or same father? A. Same mother.  
Q. Was your sister born here in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Has she lived here all her life? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Is your mother on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Your sister has a child has not she? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. What does she call that child? A. Claude.  
Q. Claude what? A. Claude Smith.  
Q. Do you know that to be her own natural child? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. She has never been married? A. No, sir.  
Q. But this is her child? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. No adopted child or anything of that sort? A. No, sir.  
Q. What was your mother's name back there in 1880?  
A. She went by Jane Nave.  
Q. Well, now, was her name Nave before or after it was Mackey?  
A. Before Mackey.  
Q. Well, she really was a Mackey in 1880 and enrolled under the old name of Nave; was your name Mackey or ~~Nave~~ Nave? A. No, sir, my name was Davis.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant's mother found thereon, page 561, #1309, Jane Nave, Illinois District.

EMMA MACKAY, the applicant examined, testified as follows:

- Q. Were you enrolled in 1880? A. Yes, sir.  
Q. Under what name? A. I don't know I was small.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of witness found thereon, page 522, #529, as Emma Davis, Illinois District.

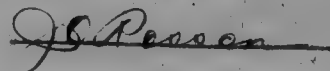
Lula Mackey, et al.--2.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 955, #366, Lula Mackey, Illinois District.

COM'R BRUCKENRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and one child. She is too young to be on the roll of 1880, but she is identified on the roll of 1896. Her mother, as claimed by her, is established by the testimony of a half sister, who is half sister through the mother, is identified on the roll of 1880, and this half sister is identified on the roll of 188. The applicant is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. It is shown that the child, Claude Smith, is the natural child of the applicant. It is too young to be upon any roll. When the ~~app~~ Commission is supplied with a certificate of the birth of this child, it will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

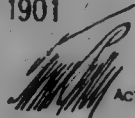


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Claude Smith as a Cherokee Freedman.

ORDER.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, April 22, 1901, Lula Mackey appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and made application for the enrollment of herself and minor child, Claude Smith, as Cherokee freedmen. The application for the enrollment of Lula Mackey as a Cherokee freedman has heretofore been disposed of, and her right to enrollment will not be considered at this time. Since the application was received for the enrollment of Claude Smith as a Cherokee freedman, the Commission and the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes have diligently sought information which would enable them to determine whether or not the applicant herein, Claude Smith, was living September 1, 1902, and if so, whether or not he was on that date entitled to enrollment. No information has been obtained tending to show the status of said Claude Smith on September 1, 1902.

It is, therefore, ordered that the application for the enrollment of Claude Smith as a Cherokee freedman be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian  
Territory this 25 8 1902

 Commissioner.

Cherokee  
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Muskegee, Indian Territory, October 30, 1905.

Lula Mackey,

Ft. Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On April 22, 1901, you made application for the enrollment as Cherokee freedmen of yourself and one child, Claude Smith. You were advised at that time that before the application for the enrollment of Claude Smith would be complete, it would be necessary that you supply this office with an affidavit as to the birth of the said Claude Smith. Such an affidavit has not yet been received, and you are now advised that your failure in forwarding the same has delayed, until this time, the approval of the final enrollment of this child.

There is inclosed to you herewith a blank form of birth affidavit, and you are requested to have this affidavit properly executed and return to this office at the very first possible date in order that the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of Claude Smith may be finally disposed of.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-67.  
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Commissioner.

Cherokee  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 8, 1906.

Lula Mackey,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

In connection with your application for the enrollment of your minor child, Claude Smith, as a Cherokee freedman, you are advised that before the right of this child to enrollment can be definitely determined, it will be necessary that an affidavit as to its birth be supplied. You are, therefore, directed to appear before a Field Party of this office at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, On Monday February 12, 1906, at one o'clock P. M.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

REGISTER.

Cherokee freedmen

613.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 17, 1906.

Lula Mackey,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is inclosed herewith a blank form of birth affidavit which you are requested to have properly executed, showing the birth of your child, Claude Smith, and to return the same to this office. No action can be taken looking to the enrollment of your child until this affidavit has been received, and the matter should receive your immediate attention.

Respectfully,

Incl. S-29

Acting Commissioner.

Cherokee  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1906.

Lula Mackey,

Fort Gibson, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is returned herewith affidavit executed by you as to the birth of your child, Claude Smith. You are requested to have your signature to the affidavit, which is by mark, witnessed by two persons other than the notary before whom it was executed.

This should be done and the affidavit returned to this office at the earliest practicable date.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

Incl GL-160

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of John Henry Rider for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; said Rider being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A John Henry Rider.  
Q How old are you? A 27 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A Cooweescoowee district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A Yes, sir.  
I have one child but I suppose it will enroll with its mother.  
Q Has its mother applied for it? A No, sir.  
Q Is it living with its mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A 27 years.  
Q All your life? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A James Rider.  
Q Is he dead? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Catherine.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I could not say, she has been dead ever since I can remember, about 25 years I suppose.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 166, #2457, John Rider, Cooweescoowee.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 415, #418, John Rider, Cooweescoowee District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE: The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

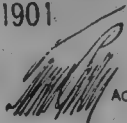
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office CholanDistrict Coo1. Name John ~~Henry~~ Rider Age 27

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 166 No. 2457 District Coo

Parents:

Father James RiderCitizenship ColMother Catherine DuranCitizenship Col

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_

Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Jo (1)Stenographer Roscoe J. O.

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John Rider

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Com. Defendant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

I have filed.

Recorded in the said court the transcript of his stenographic  
report to the Commission and the proceedings in this case; and that the  
J. O. Rogers, before that said court, states that he correctly

ACTING CLERK

Notary Public,  
of St. Louis.

1901

DOUBTFUL, as to Husband, Henry Schrimsher, and oldest son.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Esther Schrimsher for the enrollment of herself and seven children as Cherokee Freedman, and for the enrollment of her husband, HENRY SCHRIMSHER, as a Cherokee Freedman by intermarriage; said Schrimsher being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Esther Schrimsher.  
Q How old are you? A About 42.  
Q What is your present office? A Wagoner.  
Q In what district do you live? A Coconawawee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is it you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A My children. I have got seven children, my eldest boy may enroll by himself.  
Q You have got six that are under age? A Yes, sir.  
Q All these six unmarried? A Yes, sir.  
Q You want to enroll them for yourself and six children? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life, born and raised in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Charles Burgess.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know just how long he has been dead.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Betsie.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A About 25 years I guess.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Pompey Rogers, he is in jail.  
Q How old is he? A 21.  
Q He is in jail? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the next child? A Betsie Rogers, she is 17.  
Q The next child? A Ella, she is 14.  
Q Ella Rogers? A Yes, sir.  
Q The next child? A Fred.  
Q Rogers? A Yes, sir, he is ten years old.  
Q The next child? A John Schrimsher.  
Q How old is John Schrimsher? A He is five years old, going on six.  
Q Now the next child? A Sadie Schrimsher, she is three.  
Q Are these children all living now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Sadie the last one? A Ruth.  
Q How old is Ruth? A Seven months.  
Q Now, you give me the names of seven children, that is right is it, counting Pompey? A Yes, sir, counting the boy that is in jail.  
Q Now, the first four are named Rogers? A Yes, sir.  
Q And the next three are Schrimsher? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your last husband? A His right name was Nero Rogers.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of your last husband? A Henry Schrimsher.  
Q How long has Nero Rogers been dead? A Nine years.  
Q Is Henry Schrimsher dead or alive? A He is living.  
Q Was Nero Rogers a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Henry Schrimsher a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for him, are you and him living together?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of his father, Henry Schrimsher's father, name?  
A Oh, I just can't think of his name.  
Q Do you remember his mother's name? A Scenie Brewer.  
Q She is alive now is she? A Yes, sir.

Esther Schrimsher, et al. --2.

Q Is his father alive or dead? A His father is dead.

Q How long have you and Henry Schrimsher been married?

A Five years.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 163, #2381, Esther Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 163, #2372, Tom Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 419, #538, Ester Rogers-Schrimsher, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 415, #427, Pemp Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 415, #428, Bettie Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 415, #429, Ella Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 415, #430, Fred Rogers, Cooweescoowee District.

Page 419, #539, John Schrimsher, Cooweescoowee District.

Q You say your husband claims to be a Cherokee Freedman?

A Yes, sir.

Q Is he on any roll? A Yes, sir, he is on the pay roll, he drew his money.

Q How old is Henry Schrimsher? A I could not tell you his age.

Q Is he older than you? A I could not tell you, sir, whether he is or not.

The Kernan-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's husband's name found thereon, page 105, #2618, Henry Schrimsher, Cooweescoowee Dist.

Q Did Henry Schrimsher's father die when he was young? A Yes, sir.

Q Then his mother was a Brewer? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the mother of applicant's husband found thereon, page 502, #79, Seenie Brewer, Illinois District.

Q Was your husband ever married before he married you, this husband Schrimsher? A No, sir.

Q How about this child that is with him (on the roll), is that a child he had by a former wife? A Yes, sir.

Q So he was married before he married? A No, sir, I don't think he was married before.

Q You don't think that was a child of a former wife? A No, sir.

Q Did he get out a Cherokee license when he married you?

A Yes, sir.

Q Where did he get the license? A Wagoner.

Q Was it a Cherokee license or United License? A Cherokee.

Q Have you got a copy of it? A No, sir.

Q Well, he would not get a Cherokee license in the Creek Nation?

A That is so.

Q He got a United States license? A Yes.

Q So you had better apply for your husband then if he wishes to give any further information he can come in and give it?

Q Who here knows that you and your husband, Schrimsher, were married? A Mr. Rogers.



JOE ROSS, being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Joe Ross.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 50.  
Q What is your post office? A Cheuteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have lived here all my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A Yes, sir.  
Q What was her name before she married at all? A Wasn't it Burgess.  
Q What was the name of her first husband? A Nero Rogers, we called him Nig.  
Q And after his death she married again? A Yes.  
Q What was her second husband's name? A Henry Schrimsher.  
Q You married them didn't you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are they living together now as husband and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q She has never been married but these two times? A That is all.

ESTHER SCHRIMSHER, the Applicant, re-called, testified as follows:

- Q Your son, Pompey, where was he convicted? A Wagoner.  
Q How long ago? A It has been about five months ago.  
Q For how long a period was he sent to the penitentiary?  
A Two years.  
Q Did he live in the Cherokee Nation all his life down to the time he was sentenced? A Yes, sir; right in the Cherokee Nation.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applied for the enrollment of herself and seven children and in the course of the application she includes also her husband: She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name arising from marriage is established by satisfactory testimony and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. She is permitted to apply for her oldest child, Pompey, Rogers, sometimes called Tom Rogers who is 21 years of age, but is said to be in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio. This child is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman but upon a doubtful card in order that the Commission may consult the records if it desires so to do. The children, Betsie, Ella and Fred Rogers, also children of the first marriage, are duly identified on the roll of 1896. They are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. John Schrimsher, the oldest child of her present marriage, is duly identified on the roll of 1896, is living and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with proof of birth of the two youngest children, Saide and Ruth Schrimsher, they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The applicant's husband, Henry Schrimsher, is not identified on the roll of 1880, nor upon the census roll of 1896. He is identified with reasonable certainty on the Kerns-Clifton roll with a child, for whose enrollment application has not yet been made, but who is supposed to be his child, and this enrollment may assist in the identification of his father. His mother is identified on the roll of 1880, but it may be some abjured rights that he may have enjoyed prior to the making of that roll. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman upon a doubtful card.

Eather Schrimaher, et al.--

J. O. Reenan, being first duly sworn, stated that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Reenan*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 2 1901

Post Office Wagoner

District 600

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Esther Schrimsher Age 42

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 163 No. 2371 District 600

Parents: \_\_\_\_\_

Father Charles Burgess Citizenship Col 8

Mother Betie Burger Citizenship Col 8

Names of Children:

~~2. Pompey Rogers Year 1880 Page 163 No. 2371 Dist. 600~~

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| 2   | Bessie Rogers   | Year 1896 | Page 415 | No. 428 | Dist. 600 | 17       |
| 3   | ella            | Year 1896 | Page 415 | No. 429 | Dist. 600 | 14       |
| 4   | Fred            | Year 1896 | Page 415 | No. 430 | Dist. 600 | 10       |
| 5   | John Schrimsher | Year 1896 | Page 419 | No. 539 | Dist. 600 | 5        |
| 6   | Sadie           | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.     | 3        |
| 7   | Ruth            | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.     | 7 months |
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Stenographer Ross J. O.

3 (1) in 80 Roll "Esther Rogers"  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ruth Schumsker*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation

Approved,

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ruth Schumsher born on the 19 day of Sept, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Henry Schumsher, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Ethel Schumsher, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wagoner, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Ethel Schumsher, on oath state that I am 42  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Schumsher, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 19 day of Sept, 1900 that said child has been  
named Ruth Schumsher, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Robert L. Ann  
Willie Rogers

Ethel Schumsher  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

J. P. Bludae

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Cora Markham, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Ethel Schumsher, wife of Henry Schumsher,  
on the 19 day of Sept, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ruth Schumsher. Cora Markham

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Robert L. Ann  
Willie Rogers

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Sadie Schmirer*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved: SEP 6 - 1901 190

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Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

I, *Y. R. E.* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Ladie Schumacher*, born on the *8* day of *July*, 1898.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Henry Schumacher*, citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Ester Schumacher*, citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office, *Wagoner, Ok.*

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*adoption* of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *8* day of *July*, 1898, that said child has been  
named *Ladie Schumacher*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)

Witnesses

*Robert Vann*  
*Willie R. G. R.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *26* day of *July*, 1901.

*J. P. Bledsoe*

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

*North* District.

I, *Cora Markham*, midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Ester Schumacher*, wife of *Henry Schumacher*,  
on the *8* day of *July*, 1898, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Ladie Schumacher*. *Cora Markham*

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)

Witnesses

*Robert Vann*  
*Willie R. G. R.*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *26* day of *July*, 1901.

*J. P. Bledsoe*

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THE CHAIRMAN: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst. in relation to the proposed amendment to the constitution of the National Association of Manufacturers, and in reply to inform you that the same has been referred to the committee on the subject, and that they are now considering it.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Sam Sanders for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Sanders being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Sam Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A I am going on 22 I think.  
Q What is your post office? A Muldrew.  
Q In what district do you live? A Sequoyah.  
Q Do you want to enroll as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Sam Sanders.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I don't know how long, he died when I was small.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Annie Sanders.  
Q Is she dead? A No, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 722, #1252, Sam Sanders, Sequoyah District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 1129, #118, Sam Sanders, Sequoyah District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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J.O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J.O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

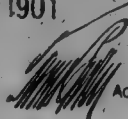
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office MuldrowDistrict Se 91. Name Sam SandersAge 32

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 722No. 1252District Se 9

Parents:

Father Sam SandersCitizenship colMother AnnieCitizenship col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

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Mother

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Names of Children:

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Western District

I R P. Harrison Clerk of the United

States Court in the Western District Indian

Territory ; do hereby certify that the record shows that a license

was issued to Samuel Sandersto Miss Fannia West on the 4th day of Octob.

er 1901

Witness my hand and seal of said Court at Wagoner in said  
Territory this 7th day of October A . D . 1902

R . P . Harrison Clerk

BY

*A J Byrns*

Depty Clerk

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

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Indian Territory }  
Northern District

On this the 11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1902  
personally appeared before me a Notary Public  
for the Northern District Ind. J. William Davis  
who says under oath that he is an ordained  
Minister of the gospel. And that he performed  
the Marriage Ceremony between Samuel  
Sanders and Miss Fannie West on the  
5<sup>th</sup> day of Oct<sup>1901</sup> And that he made out the  
Marriage Certificate attached to the Marriage  
License and duly forwarded the same to  
the Clerk of the U.S. Court at Muskogee  
Ind. To be recorded.

My Cross initials are read at Muskogee I. T.  
Book C. Page 108.

William Davis

Witness to and Subscribed to before me this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of Oct 1902

J. W. Brown  
Notary Public

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Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Stidmon for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; said Stidmon being sworn and examined by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Samuel Stidmon.  
Q How old are you? A About 45 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A One daughter.  
Q Is she under 21 years of age? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she unmarried? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Buck Stidmon.  
Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A I could not say.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Mary Walker.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead quite a while.  
Q Give me the name of your child? A Mary.  
Q Mary Stidmon? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is the child? A 19.  
Q Is she alive now? A Yes, sir.  
Q She has never been married? A No, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the mother of this child? A Dollie.  
Q Dollie was your wife was she? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A Seven years.  
Q How old was she when she died? A About 35 or 36.  
Q What was her name when she married you? A Tayler.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Dollie? A No, sir.  
Q Was she ever married before she married you? A No, sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A Somewhere about '76.  
Q And did you and she live together until she died? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is with you on the roll of 1880 is she? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant and his deceased wife found thereon as follows:

Page 578, #1632, Samuel Stidham, Illinois District.  
Page 578, #1633, Dollie Stidham, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 963, #551, Samuel Stidman, Illinois District.  
Page 963, #554, Mary Stidman, Illinois District.

COM'R BRECKINRIDGE:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and one child: He is identified on the roll of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. He has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His child, Mary Stidmon, is duly identified on the roll of 1896. She is living at this time. Her deceased mother is identified with the applicant as his wife on the roll of 1880. This child will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Samuel Stidman, et al.--2.

J. O. Ressen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Ressen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

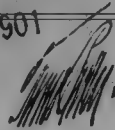
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

Fort Gibson

District

Ill

1. Name Samuel Stidman

Age 45

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 578

No. 1632

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Buck Stidman

Citizenship

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Mother

Mary Walker

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

Mary Stidman

Year 1896

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
TAHLEQUAH, I. T. July 5, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Samuel Stidmon for the enrollment of himself and daughter, Mary Stidmon, as Cherokee freedmen.

NOAH ALBERTY, being first duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Noah Alberty.  
Q How old are you? A 37.  
Q What is your post office address? A Wagoner.  
Q You are a Cherokee freed man, are you? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married since you were enrolled? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your present wife? A Mary Stidmon.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you and she living together? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is the daughter of Samuel Stidmon? A Yes, sir.  
Q When were you and she married? A. (Has the Commission document)  
Q We have here an affidavit signed by A. Davis and Fannie Davis in which it is stated that they were present at your marriage on June 12, 1901, to Mary Stidmon, is that the date of your marriage?  
A Yes, sir.

The undersigned, on oath, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported the testimony and proceedings in the above entitled and numbered cause, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Veronica Hallwick*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this  
5th day of July, 1904.

*Bert Van Dusen*  
Notary Public.

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concerned. He stated that there is an error and that the two witnesses stated, the women point of the same name, but it is stated that it is a duplicate of the enrollment of the same name there given, it followed by a note on the roll which men, and she is reasonably identified on the Keams Officer roll, his wife is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman according to the time as understood by him for their subordination the enrollment of 1880 was being at the point where he attended it whereas that his relative to be on the roll of 1880 was due and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He stated that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life roll of 1880 and the Keams Officer roll as a Cherokee Freedman himself, his wife and three children; he is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman. The enrollment of 1880 was being at the point where he attended it whereas that his relative to be on the roll of 1880 was due and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. He stated that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life roll of 1880 and the Keams Officer roll as a Cherokee Freedman himself, his wife and three children; he is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman.

per Seville.  
 Q The man had a sister named Seville or Sarah V. Yes sir calls  
 Q As much as to or it seems V. Yes sir.  
 Q What were they married? A Good wife.  
 Q How long have you known her? V. All Seville.  
 Q What is her name? V. Sarah Seville before he married her.  
 Q Do you know his wife? V. Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know this man here? V. Yes sir.  
 Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? V. All his life.  
 Q What is your best friend? V. Nelson.  
 Q How old are you? V. About 38.  
 Q What is your name? V. Anthony Seville.

ANTHONY PARKER called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:  
 I being together as man and wife, V. This man right here.  
 Q Who is there here that knows that you and your wife have been

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Sibley, I. T. April, 23d 1901.

In the matter of the application of Solomon Harlin for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children as Cherokee Freedmen— He being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Solomon Harlin.  
Q How old are you? A. 32.  
Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who else do you want to have enrolled? A. Four others.  
Q Four children? A. No sir three children.  
Q Who else, your wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Bass Harlin.  
Q Is he dead? A. He is alive.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Violet.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 23 or 4 year.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A. Sarah.  
Q How old is she? A. 27 or 8.  
Q When did you and she marry? A. I don't know what year, ten or eleven years ago—eleven I believe.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? A. No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A. No sir.  
Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman of her own right? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you a certificate of your marriage? A. No sir I haven't.  
Q Have you and she lived together ever since your marriage? A. Off and on.  
Q Sometimes you are parted and some times you live together? A. Yes sir, we have been busted up sometimes.  
Q And then come back together again? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's father? A. Watt Gubins.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife's mother? A. Marguerite.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. She died somewhere the same time mine did.  
Q Your wife is on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A. Levi.  
Q How old? A. 9.  
Q Next child? A. Walter.  
Q How old? A. 8.  
Q Next child? A. Solomon, Jr.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q These children all living now are they? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Solomon Harlin identified thereon as follows: Page 768, No. 1017, Solomon Harlin, Tahlequah district.

BY APPLICANT WHILE ROLL CLERK IS LOOKING FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF HIS WIFE ON THE 1880 ROLL: She may have been a Buffington man, they raised her.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant's wife identified thereon as follows: Page 80, No. 5, Sarah Buffington, Orphan Roll, Tahlequah District.

Q Why are you not on the roll of 1896? A. They was leaving here that night when I went to enroll and they told me to come back in the morning and when I went back there they did not come, and I did not get on.

Soloman Harlin 2.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:-

Page 76, No. 1833, Sol Harlin, Tahlequah district.

Page 76, No. 1834, Sallie Harlin, Tahlequah District.

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Page 76, No. 1816, Levi Harlin, Tahlequah district.

Page 76, No. 1817, Walter Harlin, Tahlequah district.

Page 76, No. 1818, Sol Harlin, Tahlequah district,

Q Who is there here that knows that you and your wife have been living together as man and wife? A. This man right here.

ANTHONY PARRIS called and sworn as a witness testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. Anthony Parris.

Q How old are you? A. About 29

Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.

Q Do you know this man here? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes sir.

Q What is her name? A. Sarah Parris before he married her.

Q How long have you known her? A. All my life.

Q When were they married? A. Good while.

Q As much as 10 or 11 years? A. Yes sir.

Q This man had a sister named Sallie or Sarah? A. Yes sir calls her Sallie.

By Com'r Breckinridge,- The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and three children; he is identified on the roll of 1880 and the Kerns Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman. He states that he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. It appears that his failure to be on the roll of 1880 was due the enrollment officials not being at the point where he attended according to the time as understood by him for their appointment. His wife is identified on the roll of 1880 as a Cherokee Freedman, and she is reasonably identified on the Kerns Clifton roll, the name there given, is followed by a note on the roll which states that it is a duplicate of the the enrollment of the applicant's sister, the women being of the same name, but it is considered probable that that is an error and that the two enrollments should be intended for the enrollment of the two women respectively. Her change of name arising from her marriage is established in a satisfactory manner by the applicants and other personal testimony; his wife is said to have lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The three children named in the testimony, Levi, Walter and Solomon Jr., are all duly identified on the Kerns Clifton roll, they are living at this time and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

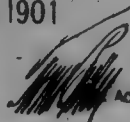
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901,  
at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*J. B. L. S.*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Melvin

District Tahl

1. Name Solomon Harlin

Age 32

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1017

District Tahl

Parents:

Father

Bas Harlin

Citizenship

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Mother

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Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Sarah Harlin

Age 27

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 5

District Tahl (Orphan Roll)

Parents:

Father

Wat Parris

Citizenship

Col D

Mother

Margaret Parris

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 28d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Rider for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Thomas Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 25.  
Q What is your post office? A. Chouteau, I. T.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q What is your father's name? A. James Rider.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Catherine.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 168, No. 2458, Tom Rider, Cooweescoowee.

- Q How long has your mother Catherine been dead? A. About 25 years.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:

Page 415, No. 417, Tom Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a member of any other tribe or Nation? A. No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,-

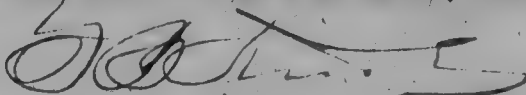
The name of the applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.




Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office ChontamDistrict Cor1. Name Thomas RiderAge 25

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 166No. 2458District Cor

Parents:

Father James RiderCitizenship ColMother CatherineCitizenship Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 23d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Frank Rider for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Frank Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 32.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to have anyone else enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. Jerry Rider.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Ann.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 186, No. 2451, Frank Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 415, No 421, Frank Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A. No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

The applicant is duly identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

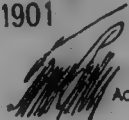
*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

MEMORANDUM  
CHEROKEE BREEDING

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901Post Office ChonteeDistrict Coo1. Name Frank RiderAge 22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880Page 166No. 2451District Coo

Parents:

Father Jerry RiderCitizenship ColMother Ann RiderCitizenship Col

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

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page 16, No. 1803, Anthony Perry's, Freedmen district.

The subsequent identified thereon as follows:

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The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Anthony Parris for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn by Commissioner G. M. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Anthony Parris.  
Q How old are you? A. 38.  
Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anyone besides yourself? A. Wife and children.  
Q How many children? A. Four.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. James.  
Q Is he alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your mother's name? A. Sarena.  
Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your wife's name? A. Laura.  
Q How old is your wife? A. I don't know exactly.  
Q About as old as you are? A. About 34.  
Q When were you and she married? A. About five years ago.  
Q Does she claim to be a Cherokee Freedman in her own right? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was her maiden name? A. Musgrove.  
Q Give me her father's name? A. William Musgrove.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir I don't think he is.  
Q Give me your wife's mother's name? A. Mariah Keys.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you ever married except to her? A. No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A. No sir.  
Q Have you been living together ever since your marriage? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A. Aleck.  
Q How old is he? A. 5.  
Q Next? A. William.  
Q How old? A. 4.  
Q Next? Earl.  
Q How old is he? A. 4, those two are twins.  
Q Next? A. Cora.  
Q How old? A. 2.  
Q Are these children all living now? A. Yes sir.

MARIAH KEYS, called and sworn, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Mariah Keys.  
Q How old are you? A. 40.  
Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my days.  
Q Do you know this applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he married? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been married? A. I don't know exactly.  
Q Some 5 or 6 years? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of his wife? A. Laura Musgrove that was.  
Q Have they been living together ever since as man and wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A. All her days.  
Q Have you known this man all his days also? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and his wife identified thereon as follows:  
Page 730, No. 1411, Anthony Parris, Tahlequah district.  
Page 735, No. 1457, Laura Musgrove, Tahlequah district.

- Q Why are you not on the roll of 1880? A. They left before I got there.

Anthony Parris 2.

The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 76, No. 1909, Anthony Parris, Tahlequah District.

Q Did your wife draw Strip money? A. Yes sir she has been enrolled there with her mother.

Q Did these children draw Strip money? A. No sir.

By Com'r Breckinridge,--

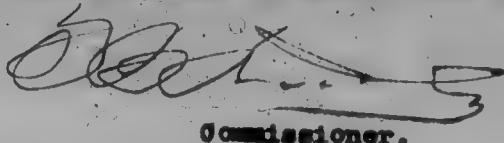
The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and four children; he is identified on the 1886 roll and the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on the roll of 1886; has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her change of name arising from her marriage is established in a satisfactory manner; the applicant states that she drew her Strip money on the Kerns-Clifton roll but she cannot be identified on said roll; he states that the failure of himself and his wife to be on the census roll of 1886 is because of the fact that the census takers had left the place of their appointment where this applicant went to be enrolled, before he got there. She will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of their four children whose names are given in the testimony and who are said to be living now, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd, of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.



Commissioner.

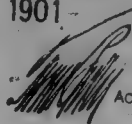
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

Melvin

District

Tahl

1. Name Anthony Parris

Age 29

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 790

No. 1611

District

Tahl

Parents:

Father

James Parris

Citizenship

Col

Mother

Serena

Citizenship

Col

2. Name of wife

Laura Parris

Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1437

District

Tahl

Parents:

Father

Will Musgrave

Citizenship

Col

Mother

Maria Key Musgrave

Citizenship

Col

Names of Children:

|                 | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |   |
|-----------------|------|------|-----|-------|---|
| 3. Aleck Parris |      |      |     |       | 5 |
| 4. William      |      |      |     |       | 4 |
| 5. Earl         |      |      |     |       | 2 |
| 6. Cora         |      |      |     |       | 2 |
| 7.              |      |      |     |       |   |
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Application made by

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Stenographer

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(1) K.C. Roll

76 # 1909 Tahl

(2) 80 Roll "Laura Musgrave"

(3) Proof of Birth to be supplied

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Aleck Parris*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*April 22*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN the Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Aleck Parris, born on the 1 day of Feb, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Anthony Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Laura Parris, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Anthony Parris, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1 day of Feb, 1896 that said child has been  
named Aleck Parris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parris

Laura Parris  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Maria Keys, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Laura Parris, wife of Anthony Parris,  
on the 1 day of Feb, 1896, that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Aleck Parris.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parris

Maria Keys  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.



**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD***Cora Paris*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

*April 22*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**FILED**  
APR 22 1901*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Cora Parrie, born on the 1 day of March, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Anthony Parrie, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Parrie, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ia

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Laura Parrie, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Anthony Parrie, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 1 day of March, 1899 that said child has been  
named Cora Parrie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Alex Green  
Will ParrieLaura <sup>her</sup> Parrie  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Maria Keys, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Laura Parrie, wife of Anthony Parrie  
on the 1 day of March, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Cora Parrie.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Alex Green  
Will ParrieMaria <sup>her</sup> Keys  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILDREN

William Parris

and  
Earl Parris

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved.

April 22

1901

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of William and Carl Parris born on the 9 day of Nov., 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Anthony Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Parris, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Norman District.

I, Laura Parris, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Anthony Parris, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that Two male sons child was  
(male or female) born  
born to me on the 9 day of Nov, 1896 that said child has been  
named William and Carl Parris, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parris  
Laura Parris mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Norman District.

I, Maria Keys, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Laura Parris, wife of Anthony Parris,  
on the 9 day of November, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date Two male sons child, that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female) named William and Carl Parris.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parris  
Maria Keys mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Madie Parris*

as a citizen of

*the Cherokee* Nation.

Approved, *January 23* 1902

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Madie Parrie, born on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Anthony Parrie, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Laura Parrie, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin Ind Ter

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Laura Parrie, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Anthony Parrie who is a citizen, by  
adoption of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1901 that said child has been  
named Madie Parrie, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Laura x Parrie  
Sarah Thompson  
Lillie Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mariah Keys, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Laura Parrie, wife of Anthony Parrie,  
on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sept, 1901 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Madie Parrie,  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

Mariah x Keys  
Sarah Thompson  
Lillie Thompson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20<sup>th</sup> day of Jan, 1902.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Cora Parris

a citizen of the

Oberkee

Nation.

Approved

1907

Commissioner.

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Commissioner

Approved by J. A. [Signature]  
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Nation.

Cherokee

a citizen of the

Carolina

THE DEATH OF

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Cora Parris  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 33 day of  
(Here insert name of post office)  
November, 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,Northern District.

I, Anthony Parris, on oath state that I am 33  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
father of Cora Parris,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Cora Parris died on the 33 day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
November, 1903

WITNESSES TO MARK:

James  
(Must be Two Witnesses)  
Joseph Hicks

Anthony Parris  
 his mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of Oct, 1904

Samuel Freeman  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 1904

WITNESSES TO MARK:

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Cara Paris*

A CITIZEN OF THE

*Cherokee*

Nation

Approved *July 2* 1907

Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes  
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JUL 2 1907  
*J. S. Wright,*  
Commissioner.

**Department of the Interior,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

In the matter of the death of Cora Parris

a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin Ind. Ter., and died on the first day of  
January 1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

**AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE**

The United States of America  
Western Dist. of Ind. Territory

I, Anthony Parris, on oath state that I am 36  
years of age and a citizen, by Friedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
the father of Cora Parris  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Friedman, of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said Cora Parris died on the 1st day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

January 1903.  
WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses) { Cha Oleytine  
W. P. Raper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May 1907

My Commission expires July 30 1909

Mont A. Sharp  
Notary Public.

**AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE**

United States of America  
Western Dist. of Ind. Territory

I, Wash French, on oath state that I am 46  
years of age, and a citizen by Friedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Cedar Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice)  
that I was personally acquainted with Cora Parris  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
who was a citizen, by Friedman of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said Cora Parris died on the 1st day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)

January 1903.  
WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses) { Cha Oleytine  
W. P. Raper

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 17 day of May 1907

Commission expires July 30 1909

Mont A. Sharp  
Notary Public.

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Eliza Boffin 3.

bold cipher, I. L.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901 at

time and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.  
Proceedings in the above cause and set the foregoing as a true  
translation to the five qualified scribes he reported in LVI all the  
ones. And Weiser being sworn states that an stenographer to the

Commissioner.

enrollment as Charles Freeman.

officer, Eliza and Harrison Boffin, and also will be listed for  
the Commission with proper certification of the pitch of her two

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 22d, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Eliza Bolin for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen: she being sworn by Commissioner G. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Eliza Bolin.  
Q How old are you? A. 31.  
Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who else you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Two children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me your father's name? A. John Irons.  
Q Is he alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your mother's name? A. Martha Irons.  
Q Is she alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A. Klee Bolin.  
Q How old? A. 2 years old.  
Q Next child? A. Harrison Bolin.  
Q How old? A. Three weeks old.  
Q You have been married have you? A. Yes sir.  
Q When were you married? A. Three years ago.  
Q To whom were you married? A. Bud Bolin.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A. No sir.  
Q Is he living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there anyone here that knows that you and he are living together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

MARIE KEYS, called and sworn, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Marie Keys.  
Q How old are you? A. 40.  
Q What is your post office? A. Melvin.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A. Always.  
Q She is married is she? A. Yes sir.  
Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her husband's name? A. Bud Bolin.  
Q How long has she been married to him? A. Three years.  
Q Was she ever married before? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who was her other husband? A. Henry Parris.  
Q How long did they live together? A. I don't know.  
Q She is known now as a Bolin? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did she and Henry Parris part? A. No sir he died.  
Q She has two children has she? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are they both children of Bolin's? A. Yes sir.  
Q She is a daughter of John and Martha Irons is she? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 771, No. 1004, Eliza Irons, Tahlequah district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1319, No. 386, Eliza Parris, Tahlequah district.

By Com'r Breckinridge, - The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two children; she is on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life; her changes of name arising from her marriages are established in a satisfactory manner, and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. When she furnished

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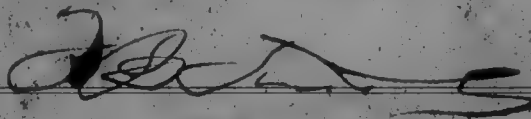
the Commission with parents and children of the birth of her two children, Elias and Mary, who will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Indians.

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Chas. von Feise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas. von Feise*

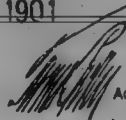
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Melvin

District Tahl

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Eliza Bolin Age 21

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 771 No. 1084 District Tahl

Parents:

Father John Irons Citizenship Col

Mother Martha " Citizenship Col

Names of Children:

2 Klee Bolin Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 2

3 Harrison " Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_ 3 weeks

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Application made by No (1) Stenographer Van weine Chas

(1) a 80 Roll as "Eliza Irons"

(1) 96 " 1319 #380 Tahl

(2) Proof of Birth to be supplied.

(3) " "

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Nlee Bolin*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved

*May 4*

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*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment; as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Klee Bolin (Here insert name of child) born on the 17 day of January, 1899  
Name of Father: Bud Bolin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Bolin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Eliza Bolin, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Bud Bolin, who is a citizen, by  
of the U. S. Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 17 day of January, 1899 that said child has been  
named Klee Bolin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Eliza Bolin her mark  
Alex Green  
Will Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1900.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Maria Keys, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Bolin, wife of Bud Bolin,  
on the 17 day of January, 1899 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Klee Bolin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Maria Keys her mark  
Alex Green  
Will Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1900.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Harrison Polini

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved.

May 4

1901

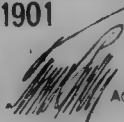
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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Harrison Bolin born on the 1 day of April, 1901  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Bud Bolin, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Eliza Bolin, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northrup District.

I, Eliza Bolin, on oath state that I am 21  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Bud Bolin, who is a citizen, ~~of~~  
of the U.S. Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1 day of April, 1901; that said child has been  
named Harrison Bolin, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parrio

Eliza Bolin  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northrup District.

I, Maria Keys, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Eliza Bolin, wife of Bud Bolin,  
on the 1 day of April, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Harrison Bolin.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Alex Green  
Will Parrio

Maria Keys  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22 day of April, 1901.

John Brady  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Harrison Bolin*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *[Signature]* Nov 8 1904

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE DEPT. OF THE INTERIOR

NOV 8 1904

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Harrison Bolin  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 7 th day of  
February, 1903  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Osborn Bolin, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, ~~by~~ <sup>not</sup> X, of the any Nation; Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
The Father of Harrison Bolin  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Harrison Bolin died on the 7 th day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
February, 1903

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses)W B BredlowCurtis E. HoldemanSubscribed and sworn to before me this 22 th day of October, 1904Osborn X Bolin  
markNotary Public.  
(3<sup>rd</sup> term)

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, John Irons, on oath state that I am 43  
 years of age, and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Harrison Bolin  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Harrison Bolin died on the 7 th day of  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
February, 1903

WITNESSES TO SIGN  
(Must be Two Witnesses)W B BredlowCurtis E. HoldemanSubscribed and sworn to before me this 22 th day of October, 1904John X Irons  
markNotary Public.  
(3<sup>rd</sup> term)

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Eliza Bolin*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved *[Signature]* Nov 8 1904

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

NOV 8 1904



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Eliza Bolin

(Here insert name of deceased)

a citizen of the Cherokee

Nation, who formerly resided at or near

Melvin

(Here insert name of post office)

, Ind. Ter., and died on the 15th day ofApril

, 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,Northern District.I, John Irons, on oath state that I am 43years of age and a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am

(Here insert name of post office)

The Father of Eliza Bolin

(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.)

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen, by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;and that said Eliza Bolin died on the 15th day of

(Here insert name of deceased)

April

, 1904

WITNESSED TO ME:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)W. W. Bredlow  
Curtis E. HoldemanJohn Irons  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 20th day of October, 1904Wm. Rasmus

Notary Public

(3rd term)

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,Northern District.I, Osborn Bolin, on oath state that I am 35years of age, and <sup>not</sup> a citizen, by any Nation;that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.;

(Here insert name of post office)

that I was personally acquainted with Eliza Bolin

(Here insert name of deceased)

who was a citizen by Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;and that said Eliza Bolin died on the 15th day of

(Here insert name of deceased)

April

, 1904

WITNESSED TO ME:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)W. W. Bredlow  
Curtis E. HoldemanOsborn Bolin  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of October, 1904Wm. Rasmus

Notary Public

(3rd term)

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 22d 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Markham for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children as Cherokee Freedmen: he being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. William Markham.  
Q How old are you? A. 56.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Vagoner.  
Q Do you live in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q In what district? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and six children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my days.  
Q Give me your fathers name? A. Fred.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. 10 years.  
Q Give me your mothers name? A. Julia.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 5 Years.  
Q Give me your wife's name? A. Cora.  
Q How old is she? A. 32.  
Q When were you and she married? A. 14 years ago.  
Q What is her fathers name? A. Johnson Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me your wife's mother's name? A. Lila.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. About 12 years.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A. No sir.  
Q Was she ever married except to you? A. No sir.  
Q Is there any one here who knows that you and your wife have been living together as man and wife? A. Yes sir.

James Rider, called and sworn, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. James Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 54.  
Q What is your post office? A. Chouteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know this applicant? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A. All his life.  
Q How long have you known his wife? A. From a baby.  
Q What was her maiden name? A. Cora Vann.  
Q Is she a daughter of Johnson and Lila Vann? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have they been married? A. 14 years.  
Q Have they been living together as man and wife ever since? A. Yes sir.

By the Commission of Applicant:

Q Give me the names of your children? A. Beulah.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q Next? A. Mattie.  
Q How old? A. 9.  
Q Next? A. Clarence.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next? A. Legus.  
Q How old? A. 5.  
Q Next? A. Callie.  
Q How old? A. 4.  
Q Next? A. Clementine.  
Q How old? A. A year and a half.  
Q Are these children all alive now? A. Yes sir.

William Markham 2.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows  
Page 142, No. 1942, Wm. Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 195, No. 5124, Gora Gunn, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the Applicants identified thereon as follows:-  
Page 412, No. 352, William Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 412, No. 353, Gora Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 412, No. 354, Emma Julia Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 412, No. 355, Mattie Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 412, No. 356, Clarence Markham, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 412, No. 357, Legus Markham, Cooweescoowee district.

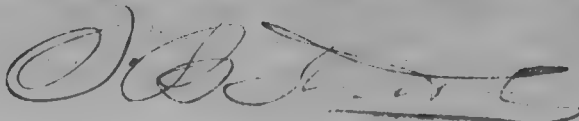
By Com'r Breckinridge,--The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and six children; he is identified on the roll of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is identified on both of said rolls as a Cherokee Freedman; her change of name arising from her marriage is established by satisfactory personal testimony in addition to that of the applicant's; her residence is also established in a satisfactory manner and she will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The first four children are duly identified on the roll of 1896, are living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commissioner is supplied with proper certificates as to the birth of the two younger children, Callie and Clementine, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to, before me this the 25rd of April, 1901, at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*

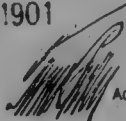


Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Wagoner

District Co

1. Name William Markham

Age 36

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 1946

District Co

Parents:

Father Fred Markham

Citizenship Col D

Mother Julia

Citizenship Cal D

2. Name of wife Cora Markham

Age 32

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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No. 3124

District Co

Parents:

Father Johnson Vann

Citizenship Col

Mother Lela Vann

Citizenship Cal D

Names of Children:

|     |                 |           |          |         |          |       |
|-----|-----------------|-----------|----------|---------|----------|-------|
| 3.  | Berulah Markham | Year 1896 | Page 412 | No. 354 | Dist. Co | 13    |
| 4.  | Mattie          | Year "    | Page 412 | No. 355 | Dist. Co | 9     |
| 5.  | Clarence        | Year "    | Page 412 | No. 356 | Dist. Co | 7     |
| 6.  | Legus           | Year "    | Page 412 | No. 357 | Dist. Co | 5     |
| 7.  | Callie          | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    | 4     |
| 8.  | Clementine      | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    | 1 1/2 |
| 9.  |                 | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    |       |
| 10. |                 | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    |       |
| 11. |                 | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    |       |
| 12. |                 | Year      | Page     | No.     | Dist.    |       |

Application made by

No (1)

Stenographer

Van weise Chadi-

(1) in 80 Roll "Wm Markham"

(2) in 96 Roll (1) - 96 Roll 412 # 352 Co

(2) in 80 Roll "Cora Vann"

(2) 96 Roll 412 # 353 Co

(3) 96 Roll "Bula Markham"

(5) 96 Roll "Clarence Markham"

(6) 96 Roll "Legas Markham"

(7) Proof of Birth to be supplied

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*IN RE*

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Clementine Markham*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved:

1901

*Commissioner.*

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Clementine Markham born on the 4 day of Sept., 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Markham a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Cora Markham a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wagner, S.D.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Arkham INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
District.

I, Cora Markham, on oath state that I am 32  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Markham, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 4 day of Sept., 1899; that said child has been  
named Clementine Markham and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)

(Witnesses)

Cora Markham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

J. P. Bludae

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Arkham INDIAN TERRITORY, }  
District.

I, Esthy Schimsher, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Cora Markham, wife of William Markham  
on the 4 day of Sept., 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Clementine Markham.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)

(Witnesses)

William MarkhamNoah AlbertyEsthy Schimsher  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

J. P. Bludae

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN 623

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Gallie Markham*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

*August 10* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Callie Markham, born on the 14 day of Feb., 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Markham, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Cora Markham, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Wagoner, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,  
Arthur District.

I, Cora Markham, on oath state that I am 32  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Markham, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 14 day of Feb., 1897, that said child has been  
named Callie Markham, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Cora Markham

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

J. P. Bludae  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Indian Territory,  
Arthur District.

I, Esther Schinshu Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Cora Markham, wife of William Markham  
on the 14 day of Feb., 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Callie Markham.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Esther Schinshu  
Mark

William Markham  
Nash Alberty

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of July, 1901.

J. P. Bludae  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. AUGUST 12, 1907.

Cherokee Freedmen Card No. 623  
Roll No. 1571.

In the matter of the application for selection of allotment in the Cherokee Nation of Beulah Betts, enrolled as Beulah Markham.

Beulah Betts being duly sworn by W. W. Chappell, and examined by C. F. Bliss on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A What is my name now?  
Q Yes? A Beulah Betts.  
Q How old are you? How old am I? 18.  
Q Where do you live, your postoffice address? A Wagoner.  
Q What is your purpose in appearing before this office to-day?  
A To file fraction.  
Q File for yourself? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Johnson Vann.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lilia Vann.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Why, Betts.  
Q When did you marry Louis Betts? A 11th day of March 1906.  
Q What was your name before you married? A Beulah Markham.  
Q You were enrolled as Beulah Markham were you not? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you acquainted with William Markham? A Yes sir.  
Q The husband of Cora Markham? A Yes sir, they raised me.  
Q You were enrolled with them? A Yes sir.  
Q As Beulah Markham? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your husband a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.

Witness excused.

I, Lola Mann, a stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

*Lola Mann*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 12th day of August 1907.

*W. W. Chappell*  
Notary Public.

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together on a plantation ever since their marriage and she with  
 in a satisfactory manner by personal testimony; they have lived  
 the subject; their marriage some 14 years ago is undisputed  
 present wife she is said never to have been married except to  
 married, but that his former wife was dead before he married his  
 married. It appears that the subject was once treasonably  
 and he claims to have for her enrollment except through her  
 enrollment as Cherokee Freedman. His wife is then the wife  
 Cherokee Nation at his life and he will now be listed for en-  
 of 1880 and 1886 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the  
 himself and wife and at Oklahoma. He is identified on the rolls  
 The subject applies for the enrollment of

By Com'r. Brookmire.

page 112, No. 116, Jesse Rider, Doonescooee district.  
 page 112, No. 116, Father Rider, Doonescooee district.  
 page 112, No. 114, Osem Rider, Doonescooee district.  
 page 112, No. 112, James Rider, Doonescooee district.  
 names of the subjects identified thereon as follows:  
 The 1886 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the

page 188, No. 3422, James Rider, Doonescooee district.  
 the subject identified thereon as follows:  
 The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and

Q The man no right of her own, V. None as I know of.  
 Q She is not a citizen is she, V. She came here from the States.  
 Q What was his present wife's name before she married him, V. Blady  
 Q How many times has he been married, V. Twice aforehand.  
 Q Was this man married before he married his present wife, V. Yes sir.  
 Q Have they lived together as husband and wife ever since, V. Yes sir.  
 Q When was it, V. About 14 years ago I believe.  
 Q Did you marry them, V. Yes sir.  
 Q What is her name, V. Betty.  
 Q Do you know him wife, V. Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know the subject here, V. Yes sir.  
 Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation, V. 14 years.  
 Q What is your best office address, V. Oklahoma.  
 Q How old are you, V. About 20.  
 Q What is your name, V. Joe Ross

James Rider S.

ACTING CHAIR

Doubtful as to wife Sallie.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 22d 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Rider for the enrollment of himself and six children as Cherokee Freedman, and for the enrollment of his wife SALLIE RIDER as an inter-married Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn by Gen'l. G.R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. James Rider.  
Q How old are you? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Myself and six children—my wife is not a citizen.  
Q How do you know that? A. She is from the States.  
Q Well you apply for her too? A. No.  
Q She may have rights that you don't know about, I advise you to apply for her, it cannot do you any harm and may do her some good.  
A She is not a citizen, but if you think it will do any good I can apply for her.  
Q Then you apply for your wife too? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A. George.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has he been dead? A. I can't recollect.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A. Lucy.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. About two years.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A. Sallie.  
Q How old is she? A. About 36.  
Q When did you marry her? A. About 12 years ago.  
Q Where did you marry her? A. In Cooweescoowee.  
Q You say she is from the States? A. Yes sir.  
Q She makes no claim of her own then except through her marriage to you? A. No sir she makes no claim to having a right at all.  
Q Were you ever married except to this wife? A. Yes sir I have been married twice.  
Q What is the name of your first wife? A. Catherine.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q When did you and she marry? A. 35 or 40 years ago.  
Q Did she live with you until she died? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long ago did she die? A. 25 or 4 years ago.  
Q And after that you married your wife Sallie? A. Yes sir.  
Q And you have never been married except to these two women? A. No sir.  
Q Was you wife Sallie ever married before she married you? A. No sir.  
Q What was her name when she married you? A. Brady.  
Q Give me the names of your children for whom you apply? A. Clem.  
Q How old is he? A. 11.  
Q Next child? A. Luther.  
Q How old? A. 9.  
Q Next child? A. Jesse.  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next child? A. Leonard.  
Q How old? A. 4.  
Q Next child? A. Angeline.  
Q How old? A. 2.  
Q Next child? A. Ellen.  
Q How old? A. Two months.  
Q Are these children all living now? A. Yes sir, they was yesterday when I left home.  
Q And they are all the children of your present wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is there any one here that knows that you and your wife are married  
Yes sir, Joe Ross.

JOE ROSS, being sworn, testified as follows:



James Rider 3.

- Q What is your name? A. Joe Ross  
Q How old are you? A. About 50.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. All my life.  
Q Do you know the applicant here? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know his wife? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is her name? A. Sallie.  
Q Did you marry them? A. Yes sir.  
Q When was it? A. About 14 years ago I believe.  
Q Have they lived together as husband and wife ever since? A. Yes sir.  
Q Was this man married before he married his present wife? A. Yes sir, I think he was.  
Q How many times has he been married? A. Twice altogether.  
Q What was his present wife's name before she married him? A. Brady.  
Q She is not a citizen is she? A. She came here from the States.  
Q She has no right of her own? A. None as I know of.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 166, No. 2453, James Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 415, No. 413, James Rider, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 415, No. 414, Olen Rider, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 415, No. 415, Luther Rider, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 415, No. 416, Jesse Rider, Cooweescoowee district.

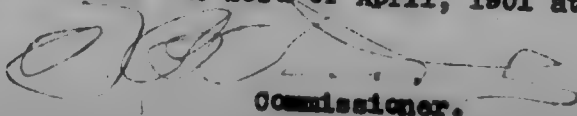
By Com'r Breckinridge,-

The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and wife and six children. He is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is from the States and no claim is made for her enrollment except through her marriage. It appears that the applicant was once previously married, but that his former wife was dead before he married his present wife; she is said never to have been married except to the applicant; their marriage some 14 years ago is established in a satisfactory manner by personal testimony; they have lived together continuously ever since their marriage and she will now be listed for enrollment on a doubtful card as a Cherokee Freedman by inter-marriage. Of the six children named in the testimony, the first three are duly identified with their parents on the roll of 1896, they are duly identified living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of the three younger children, Leonard, Ellen and Angeline, they also will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901 at Ft. Gibson, I. T.

  
Commissioner.

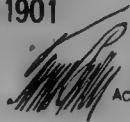


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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

District

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

Page

No.

District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Owner's name

Year

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District

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Parents:

Father

Mother

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Names of Children:

2. Oblem

Rider

Year 1896

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No. 414

Dist. Co.

3. Luther

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Year 1896

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Dist. "

4. Jesse

"

Year 1896

Page 415

No. 416

Dist. "

5. Leonard

"

Year

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Dist.

6. Angeline

"

Year

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7. Ellen

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Application made by

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Stenographer

Van weese Chas.

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415 # 413 Co.

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Proof of Birth to be supplied

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ellen Rider*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*May 4*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ellen Rider (Here insert name of child), born on the 21 day of Feb, 1901  
Name of Father: James Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sallie Rider, a citizen of the MS Nation.  
Post-office, Chontam St.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Mathew District.

I, Sallie Rider, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by Ind Adop, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jim Rider, who is a citizen, by  
Ind Adop, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 21 day of Feb, 1901; that said child has been  
named Ellen Rider, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sallie Rider

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

John S. Nix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Mathew District.

I, Martha Chaunce, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sallie Rider, wife of Jim Rider,  
on the 21 day of Feb, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ellen Rider.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Martha Chaunce  
Mark Chaunce  
Sallie Rider

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

John S. Nix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 624

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Angelina Rider

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

May 4

1901

  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Angelina Rider (here insert name of child), born on the 1 day of Apr, 1899  
Name of Father: James Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sallie Rider, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office: Clinton, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Sallie Rider, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by Indman Adolph of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jim Rider, who is a citizen, by  
Indman Adolph, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 1 day of Apr, 1899; that said child has been  
named Angelina Rider, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1900.

John Nixon  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Jim Rider, as Husband, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sallie Rider, wife of Jim Rider,  
on the 1 day of Apr, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Angelina Rider.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1900.

Jim + Rider  
mark Crawford  
John Nixon  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 241

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Leonard Rider

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

May 4

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Leonard Rider (Here insert name of child), born on the 25 day of May, 1897  
Name of Father: James Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sallie Rider, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Post-office, Chouteau, D.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Neithum District.

I, Sallie Rider, on oath state that I am 37  
years of age and a citizen, by Indadap, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jim Rider, who is a citizen, by  
Indadap, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 25 day of May, 1897; that said child has been  
named Leonard Rider, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Sallie Rider

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Neithum District.

I, Jim Rider, as Husband, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sallie Rider, wife of Jim Rider,  
on the 25 day of May, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Leonard Rider.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Sallie RiderMark CrawfordJim Rider  
Male

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

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Department of the Interior  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Sill, Okla., I. T. April, 22d, 1902

In the matter of the application of Dave Vann for the enrollment of himself, his wife and seven children as Cherokee Freedmen. He having sworn by Commissioner U. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Dave Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 40 or 50.  
Q What is your post office? A. Chontaw.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A. My wife and seven children.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Born and raised here.  
Q All your life then? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your father's name? A. Jew.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me your mother's name? A. Marya.  
Q Is she dead? A. No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your wife? A. Sarah.  
Q How old is she? A. 41.  
Q When did you and she marry? A. 26 years ago.  
Q Has your wife lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A. Jack Pack.  
Q Is he dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me her mother's name? A. Martha Pack.  
Q Is she dead? A. Yes sir.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A. Robert Vann.  
Q How old? A. 20.  
Q Next? A. Bertha.  
Q How old? A. 18.  
Q Next? A. Lewis.  
Q How old? A. 14.  
Q Next? A. Willie.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next? A. Eddie.  
Q How old? A. 8.  
Q Next? A. Maggie E.  
Q How old? A. 5.  
Q Next? A. Mattie.  
Q How old? A. 2.  
Q Are these children all alive now? A. Yes sir.  
Q All unmarried? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant and his wife identified therein as follows:  
Page 672, No. 1217, David Vann, Saline district.  
Page, 672, No. 1218, Sarah Vann, Saline district.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified as follows:

Page 425, No. 611, David Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 612, Sarah Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 614, Robert Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 615, Bertha Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 616, Lewis Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 617, Willie Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 618, Eddie Vann, Cooweescoowee district.  
Page 425, No. 619, Henrietta Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

NOTE- Applicant here states that the last enrolled child was intended for Maggie E. who is sometimes called Maggietta.

By Com'r Breckinridge, The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife and seven children; he is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman, he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for en-

Dave Vann 2.

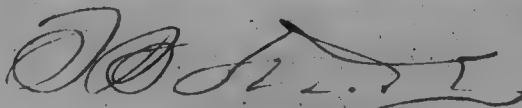
rollment as a Cherokee Freedman. His wife is duly identified with him and as his wife on the rolls of 1880 and 1886, she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Of the seven children named in the testimony, the first five are all duly identified on the roll of 1886, and the youngest of those on said roll, being enrolled as Margaretta, which the applicant states is intended for Maggie E., she sometimes being called Maggietta; they are all living and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. When the Commission is supplied with a proper certificate of the birth of the youngest child Mattie, this child also will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of April, 1901 at Port Gibson, I. T.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office Chontau.

District Co.

1. Name Dave Vann

Owner's name

Year 1880

Page 672

No. 1217

District Saline

Age 49

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Joe Vann

Citizenship

Col

D

Mother

Mariah Vann

Citizenship

Col

D

2. Name of wife

Sarah Vann

Age 44

Owners name

Year 1880

Page 672

No. 1218

District Saline

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Jack Pack

Citizenship

Col

D

Mother

Martha Pack

Citizenship

Col

D

Names of Children:

3. Robert Vann

Year 1896

Page 423

No. 614

Dist. Co.

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4. Bertha "

Year "

Page 423

No. 615

Dist. "

18

5. Lewis "

Year "

Page 423

No. 616

Dist. "

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6. Willie "

Year "

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Dist. "

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7. Eddie "

Year "

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8. Maggie E. "

Year "

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9. Mattie "

Year "

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Dist. "

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Application made by

No 11

Stenographer Van Weise Chas.

(1) 50 "David Vann"

(1) 46 Page 423 # 611 Co.

(2) 96 Roll 423 # 612 Co.

(8) 96 Roll "Henratta Vann"

(9) Proof of Birth to be supplied

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Matthe Vann

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

May 8

1901

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MAY 8 1901

ACTING Chairman

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Matthe Vann (Here insert name of child), born on the 13 day of May, 1899.  
Name of Father: Dave Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chouteau, I.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Sarah Vann, on oath state that I am 41 years of age and a citizen, by Ind. Adop of the Cherokee Nation; that I am the lawful wife of Dave Vann, who is a citizen, by Ind. Adop of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was (male or female.) born to me on the 13 day of May, 1899; that said child has been named Matthe Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Sarah Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of May, 1901.

John D. Nix

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Jennie Boudinot, a Midwife, on oath state that I attended on Mrs. Sarah Vann, wife of Dave Vann, on the 13 day of May, 1899; that there was born to her on said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been named Matthe Vann (male or female.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

U. GrayDave VannJennie Boudinot  
Mar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4 day of May, 1901.

John D. Nix

NOTARY PUBLIC.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
April 30, 1906.

Cherokee allotment 1887.  
Card No. 588 and 625.

In the matter of the application of Bertha Rider, enrolled as Bertha Vann, to complete her allotment in the Cherokee Nation.

Sam Rider, being first duly sworn by Chas. E. Webster, a notary public, was examined on behalf of the Commissioner and testified as follows:

- Q What is your name?  
A Sam Rider.  
Q What is your age?  
A 36.  
Q What is your post office address?  
A Choteau, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Your purpose in appearing before the Cherokee Land Office today is to complete the allotment selection of your wife, Bertha Rider, is it?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Who is the mother of Bertha Rider?  
A Sarah Vann.  
Q When did you marry Bertha Rider?  
A December 28, 1905.  
Q Do you live together at the present time?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you land selected from which you wish to complete her allotment?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she seen this land?  
A No, sir, she hasn't seen it.  
Q Have you been over and examined this land?  
A No, sir, just selected it for my fraction land.  
Q How much is coming to her?  
A 10 acres.  
Q 50-cent land?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You haven't seen this land at all?  
A No, sir.

Witness excused.

I George A. Lowell, being first duly sworn, state upon oath that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes I recorded the testimony in the above entitled action and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of my stenographic notes thereof.

*George A. Lowell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this first day of May, 1906.

*D. P. Ramsey*  
Notary Public.

Cherokee F-625

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 14, 1908.

Dave Vann,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is informed that, since the date of your application for the enrollment of yourself and family as Cherokee Freedmen, one of your children has died.

There is enclosed you herewith blank form of affidavit and if this information is correct, you are requested to have same properly executed and forward to the Commission at the earliest possible date in order that the death of said child may be shown upon the Commission's records.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 22, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Holt for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge; he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A George Holt.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir, just myself.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Born and raised here.  
Q You have lived there all your life? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Alex Holt.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Harriet Johnson.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir, she is living.  
Q She is not living with your father? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 766 #928 George (Isaac) Holt, Tahlequah Dist, adopted col'd

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1310 #185 George Holt, Tahlequah District.

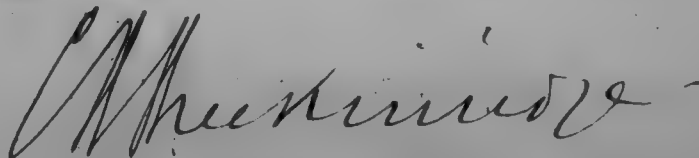
Com'r to roll clerk: Is he with his father Alex.  
Roll clerk: Alexander, Lucy.

- Q Have you got a sister named Lucy? A No sir.  
Q Did your father marry a woman named Lucy? A Yes sir.  
Q You have got a brother named Edmond? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any middle name? A No sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings of this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this April 23, 1901.

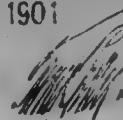


Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 22 1901

Post Office

Tahlequah

District

Tahlequah

1. Name

George Holt

Age 22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1880

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Alec Holt

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Application made by

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(1) Roll "George (Isaac) Holt"

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page 022 #373 Willie King, Illinois District.  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft Gibson, I.T., April 17, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary King for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary King.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know my age exactly.  
Q Well, about how old? A I guess I am about 39.  
Q What is your post-office? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My boy, Willie King.  
Q How old is he? A 11 years old, past.  
Q His name Willie or William? A Willie.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A George King.  
Q Is he a citizen? A No sir.  
Q What was your name before you married George King? A Mary Snow.  
Q Was you married to Snow? A No sir, my father was Daniel Snow.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 46 #1271 Mary Snow, Adopted colored

- Q This boy's name Willie King? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living at this time? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:

page 953 #311 Mary King, Illinois District;  
page 953 #312 Willie King, Illinois District.

- Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Living out of it now? A No sir.  
Q I am living right here.  
Q Willie born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Mary King is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Mary Snow, that having been her maiden name; she avers that she is married to George King, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Mary King; she avers that she has one child, Willie King, and his name is found upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and they will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 18, 1901.

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 17 1901Post Office VianDistrict Joe

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Mary King Age 39

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 46 No. 127 District Canada

Parents:

Father Daniel Snow Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2 Willie King Year 1896 Page 453 No. 312 Dist. III 11

4. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Tilden Duncan for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Tilden Duncan.  
Q How old are you Tild? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What is your father's name? A Phil Duncan.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Jane Mackey.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 522 #530 Tilden Duncan, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised here? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Why aint your name on the census roll of 1896? A I don't know.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 955 #364 as Tilton Mackey, Illinois District.

Com'r Needles: The name of Tilden Duncan is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and his name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Tilton Mackey, Mackey having been the name of his mother; it is presumed that his mother enrolled him under her name; he is duly identified and according to page and number of the roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

*C. H. Needles*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 23 1901

Post Office

St. Kitts St.

District

Illinois

1. Name

Tilden Duncan

Age

22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

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District

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Parents:

Father

Phil Duncan - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Jane Mackey - living

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

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Mother

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Application made by

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In the matter of the application of Susan Drew for the enrollment of herself, husband and four children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Susan Drew.  
Q What is your age? A I don't know sir.  
Q Well about how old? A I reckon about 24.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or nation?  
A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my husband and four children.  
Q Where is your husband? A He is at home, sick.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his name? A Josh Drew.  
Q How old is he? A I don't know sir.  
Q Well about how old? A I have no idea.  
Q He aint a hundred is he? A No sir, I don't guess he is.  
Q He is older than you? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Oldest one is named Rosa Drew.  
Q How old is Rosa? A 7 years old.  
Q Next child? A Leo.  
Q How old is Leo? A 6 years old.  
Q Next one? A Mariah Drew.  
Q How old is she? A Three years old.  
Q Next one? A Minnie Drew.  
Q How old is Minnie? A 2 years old.  
Q That all, four children? A Yes sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Lucy Crapo.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jake Crapo.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Josh Drew your first husband? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you his first wife? A No sir.  
Q Was he married before you? A Yes sir.  
Q These children you have mentioned are your children? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 518 #469 Susan Crapo, Illinois District, adopted colored

- Q Your husband is about 42? A I guess so.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
page 524 #587 Joshua Drew Illinois Dist, adopted colored

- Q Jennie and Isaac are your husband's children by his first wife?  
A Yes sir.  
Q His first wife aint living? A No sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 946 #160 Joshua Drew, Illinois Dist;  
page 946 #161 Susan Drew, Illinois Dist;  
page 946 #164 Rosa, Drew Illinois Dist;  
page 946 #165 Leo Drew, Illinois Dist.

- Q Are these children all living? A Yes sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation yourself? A Yes sir.

Susan Drew et al 2

Q. Has Josh always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Susan Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name, Susan Crapo, and upon the census roll of 1896, as Susan Drew; she applies for the enrollment of herself, her husband and four children; she avers that her husband ~~was~~ is one Josh Drew, and is named is found upon the census roll of 1896 as well as upon the authenticated roll of 1880; the names of her two oldest children, Rosa and Leo, are found upon the census roll of 1896; she avers that she has two younger children, Mary and Minnie, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896; they are all duly identified according to page and number of the rolls as indicated and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Susan Drew, Joshua Drew and their two children Rosa and Leo will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and their two younger children, Mary and Minnie will be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen when satisfactory proof is made as to their birth.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

*W. H. ...*

Commissioner.

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ATTORNEY GENERAL

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

APR 23 1901

Date

Post Office

District

Vian, I.T.  
Ill1. Name Joshua Drew Age 42

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 524 No. 587 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Susan Drew Age 24

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1896 Page 578 No. 469 District Ill

Parents:

Father Jake Grapo - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Ruby Grapo Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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| 5.  | <u>Maria</u>     | Year             | Page            | No.            | Dist.            | <u>3</u> |
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Application made by

Susan Drew

Stenographer

M. R. Green

~~1 On 1896 roll as Joshua Drew~~  
 1 " 1896 " Page 946 \* 166 - Joshua Drew, Ill.  
 2 On 1896 roll as Susan Grapo  
 2 " 1896 " Page 946 \* 161 - Ill  
 3 " 1896 roll as Rose Drew  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Minnie Drew*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved.

*May 20*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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IX. Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Minnie Dren, born on the 16 day of Feb, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joshua Dren, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susan Dren, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vian, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern District.

I, Susan Dren, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedom of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joshua Dren, who is a citizen, by  
Freedom of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901; that said child has been  
named Minnie Dren, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of May, 1901.

Joe M. Headricks  
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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern District.

I, Mafinda Parker, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susan Dren, wife of Joshua Dren,  
on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a (Female) child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
named Minnie Dren.  
(male or female)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mafinda Parker  
Stanny West  
Narcis Leitch

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of May, 1901.

Joe M. Headricks  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Maria Drew

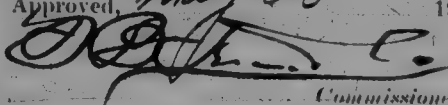
as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved, May 20

1901

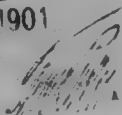


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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

I, *RR* Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation,  
of *Maria Drem*, born on the *30* day of *Sept*, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: *Joshua Drem*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Name of Mother: *Susan Drem*, a citizen of the *Cherokee* Nation.  
Post-office: *Vian, S.*

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
*Western* District.

I, *Susan Drem*, on oath state that I am *24*  
years of age and a citizen, by *Freedom*, of the *Cherokee* Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of *Joshua Drem*, who is a citizen, by  
*Freedom*, of the *Cherokee* Nation, that a *Female* child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the *30* day of *Sept*, 1897, that said child has been  
named *Maria Drem*, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Archie Arer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *16* day of *May*, 1901.

*Joe W. Headrick*  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, *Malinda Parker*, a *Midwife*, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. *Susan Drem*, wife of *Joshua Drem*,  
on the *30* day of *Sept*, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a *Female* child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named *Maria Drem*.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

*Henry West*  
*Nancy Leitch*

*Malinda Parker*  
her mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this *16* day of *May*, 1901.

*Joe W. Headrick*  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Minnie Drew

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation

Approved, 190

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Minnie Drew, born on the 30 day of Sept, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joshua Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susan Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Van, Ia.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

North District.

I, Susan Drew, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Freedom, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joshua Drew, who is a citizen, by  
Freedom, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 30 day of Sept, 1897, that said child has been  
named Minnie Drew, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Susan Drew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1907.

J M Headricks

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

North District.

I, Maliudia Parker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susan Drew, wife of Joshua Drew,  
on the 30 day of Sept, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

S. Hain Parker  
Ema Drew

Maliudia Parker  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1907.

M. C. M. - Ex - Feb 21 1908J M Headricks

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Maria Drew*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

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Commissioners

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Maria Drew, born on the 2 day of Jan, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Joshua Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susan Drew, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Van, IT.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North

District.

I, Susan Drew, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Fredonia, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joshua Drew, who is a citizen, by  
Fredonia, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 2 day of Jan, 1899, that said child has been  
named Maria Drew, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901.

J M Headrick  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

North

District.

I, Mallidia Parker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susan Drew, wife of Joshua Drew,  
on the 2 day of Jan, 1899, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Mallidia Parker  
marks.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1901.

J M Headrick  
NOTARY PUBLIC.  
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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lucy Aron

as a citizen of

Sweden

Nation.

Approved Sept 15, 1902

L. A. Dickinson,  
Commissioner.

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## IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Lucy Drew

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

18 RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Lucy Dren born on the 18 day of November, 1901  
Name of Father: Joshua Dren a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Susan Dren a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Uran D.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Susan Dren, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Joshua Dren, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 18 day of November, 1901 that said child has been  
named Lucy Dren, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

J. E. Davis  
L. L. Fields

Susan Dren  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of September, 1902  
J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Fannie Walker, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Susan Dren, wife of Joshua Dren  
on the 18 day of November, 1901, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Lucy Dren.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

J. E. Davis  
L. L. Fields

Fannie Walker  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of September, 1902  
J. R. Mayfield  
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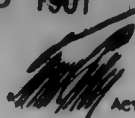
The names of Joshua & Susan Dren were corrected  
by my present - J. R. Mayfield  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

Vinita, Indian Territory, May 6, 1901.

Mr. Joshua Drew,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Sir:-

When you applied for the enrollment of yourself and family as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation, you advised the Commission that the age of your daughter, Maria, was three years, and that of your daughter, Minnie, two years. In the affidavits as to their births, their ages are shown to be two and three years respectively.

Please advise the Commission promptly as to the correct ages of these two children.

Very respectfully,

Commissioner.

In answering refer  
to Chero. Freed. No. 629.

Cherokee F-629

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 8, 1902.

Joshua Drew,

Vian, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

When you applied to this Commission for the enrollment of yourself and family as Cherokee Freedmen, you gave your own name as Joshua Drew and the name of your wife as Susan Drew while in the affidavit, which you send as to the birth of your child, Lucy Drew, it is noticed that your name appears as Josh Drew and the name of your wife appears and she signs same by mark as Susie Drew.

The affidavit is herewith returned to you and you are requested to have same corrected so that your own name will appear therein as Joshua Drew, and the name of your wife will appear as Susan Drew.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Drew for the enrollment of herself and child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Drew.  
Q What is your age? A About 22.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee Rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Whodo you want to enroll besides yourself? A This baby.  
Q One child? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Henry Drew.  
Q Is he a citizen? A I guess so.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes sir.  
Q Where is he? A In Vian.  
Q You want to enroll him? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Peachie Drew.  
Q Why don't you want to enroll your husband? A He is well and he will care himself.  
Q How old is Peachie? A Nine months old.  
Q What is your father's name? A Cato Vann.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Rachel Vann.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been married? A Four years.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 599 #2119 Mary Vann, Illinois District;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 967 #660 Mary Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.  
Q Is that Peachie? A Yes sir.  
Q That your child? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Mary Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Mary Vann, that having been her maiden name; she being the child of Cato and Rachel Vann; she avers that she has one child, Peachie, and that she is now married to one Henry Drew; the name of Peachie Drew is not found upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after the same was compiled; they are both identified, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Mary Drew and her child Peachie will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; in order to complete the enrollment of her child, Peachie, it will be necessary to file satisfactory proof of its birth.

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M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

M. D. Green

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

C. McKinnis

Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 23 1901Post Office View St.District Illinois

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Name of wife Mary Brew Age 22

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1870 Page 699 No. 2119 District Ill

Parents:

Father Edw Vann - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_Mother Rachel Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2 Rachel Brew Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. Ill

4. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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11. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

12. Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by Mary Brew Stenographer M. D. Green

1 Christie Vann - Mary Vann  
 1 " 1896 " P. 967 #666, Mary Vann Ill.  
 2 aff. to be supplied

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. <sup>#</sup>630

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**IN RE**

Application for Enrollment of

**INFANT CHILD**

*Peachie Drew*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *May 4* 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation,  
of Peachie Drew, born on the 10 day of Aug, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Henry Drew, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Drew, a citizen of the CHEROKEE Nation.  
Post-office, Van Dyke

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Mary Drew, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by Married, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Drew, who is a citizen, by  
Married, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 10 day of Aug, 1900 that said child has been  
named Peachie Drew, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Mary Drew

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1901.

J. M. Headricks

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Ross Vann, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Drew, wife of Henry Drew,  
on the 10 day of Aug, 1900 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Peachie Drew.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Ross Vann

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27 day of April, 1901.

J. M. Headricks

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Keys for the enrollment of himself, wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Keys.  
Q How old are you? A 42.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Tribe or Nation? A No sir.  
Q You ~~have~~ been recognized ~~known~~ By the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the authenticated roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife.  
Q How many children? A 2.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Lizzie.  
Q How old is she? A 22.  
Q What is her father's name? A John Gentry.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, dead.  
Q What's her mother's name? A Silla.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir, she is right here now.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Annie May Vann, -- I aint the father; they are my step-children.  
Q Was your wife ever married before you married her? A No sir.  
Q She had some children? A Yes sir.  
Q What are the names of the children? A Annie May Vann.  
Q How old is she? A 5 years old.  
Q What is the name of the next one? A Priscilla Vann.  
Q How old? A Fifteen months old.  
Q These are your wife's children? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you married to Lizzie? A Last October, 21, 1900.  
Q These children were born to your wife before you married her?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Her name was Gentry? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants identified thereon as follows:  
page 777 #1243 George Keys, Tahlequah Dist, adopted colored;  
page 762 #822 Lizzie Gentry, Tahlequah Dist, adopted col'd one year old.

- Q Were you ever in prison? A That's it.  
Q You got out? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation,  
page 1296 #18 George Keys, Tahlequah District. Prison roll.  
page 406 #239 Lizzie Gentry, Cooweescoowee District.

LIZZIE KEYS, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Lizzie Keys. It was Gentry.  
Q You have got some children? A I have got two.  
Q What are their names? A Annie May Vann and Priscilla Vann.  
Q They are y ur children? A Yes sir.  
Q Who is the father of these children? A Sam Vann.  
Q You wasn't married to him? A No sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of George Keys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896, he avers that he was married to one Lizzie Gentry,

George Keys et al 2

and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896; now comes Lizzie Gentry herself and avers that she has two children, Annie M. Vann and Priscilla Vann, whose names do not appear upon the census roll of 1896; she avers that said two children were born to her before her marriage to said George Keys; they are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, George Keys and his wife, Lizzie will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen; and the two children applied for, Annie M. Vann and Priscilla Vann, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen when satisfactory proof of birth is filed.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

*C. H. McKinstry*

Commissioner.

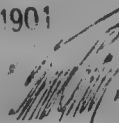


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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 23 1901

Post Office

District

Melvin D. J.  
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1. Name George Keys Age 42

Owner's name

Year 1880 Page 777 No. 1243 District Tah.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Lizzie Keys Age 22

Owners name

Year 1880 Page 762 No. 822 District Tah.

Parents:

Father John Gentry - dead

Citizenship

Mother Chilla

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3. Anna M. Vann Year Page No. Dist. 5

4. Priscilla Year Page No. Dist. 15

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Application made by

Stenographer

M. S. Allen

1 On 1896 roll P. 1296 # 18 Tah. Prison Roll  
 2 " 1880 " as Lizzie Gentry  
 2 " 1896 P. 406 No 239 Lizzie Gentry - Cor.  
 3 and 4 Affidavits of birth to be supplied

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Anna M. Vann*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee* Nation.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Anna M Vann, born on the 5 day of May, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sam Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lizzie Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin IL

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Lizzie Keys, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Sam Vann, who is a citizen, by  
of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 5 day of May, 1896 that said child has been  
named Anna M Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Lizzie Keys

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Maria Sanders, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lizzie Keys, wife of George Keys,  
on the 5 day of May, 1896 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Anna, M. Vann.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Maria Sanders  
mark  
Barrie Gentry

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Ricella Vann*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *[Signature]*

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Priscilla Vann, born on the 2 day of January, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Sam Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lizzie Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Melvin, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Lizzie Keys, on oath state that I am 22  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am <sup>not</sup> the lawful wife of Sam Vann, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 2 day of January, 1900, that said child has been  
named Priscilla Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.John Mady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Maria Sanders midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lizzie Keys, wife of George Keys,  
on the 2 day of January, 1900, that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Priscilla Vann.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
(Witnesses)Frances Sander  
Corrie GentryMaria Sanders  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.John Mady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Florence S. Sigs*

as a citizen of the

*Marshall*

Nation.

Approved

*July 1,*

1902

Commissioner.

COMMISSION TO THE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE APPLICATION FOR ENROLLMENT, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Florence Keys, born on the 29 day of January, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: George Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Lizzie Keys, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-Office: Melvin I.O.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Lizzie Keys, on oath state that I am 23  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Geo Keys, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(Male or female.)  
 born to me on the 29th day of January, 1902, that said child has been  
 named Florence Keys, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Lizzie Keys  
Geo. Schaffer  
Alma Wofford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of May, 1902

Old Huchingsworth  
 Notary Public.  
 my commission expires Nov. 25-1905

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, }  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District. }

I, Priscilla Sanders, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Lizzie Keys, wife of George Keys,  
 on the 29th day of January, 1902, that there was born to her on said  
 date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(Male or female.)  
 named Florence Keys

WITNESSES TO SIGN:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Priscilla Sanders  
Geo. Schaffer  
Alma Wofford

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of May, 1902

Old Huchingsworth  
 Notary Public.  
 my commission expires Nov. 25-1905



Notary Public

appeared and sworn to before me this 1st day of May, 1918.

thereof.

The foregoing is in accordance with the substance of the above and the same has been read and approved by the undersigned and the same has been duly recorded and filed in the office of the undersigned.

Wife.

Q Do you know the name of the person who was in the house at the time of the shooting?

Q Do you know the name of the person who was in the house at the time of the shooting?

Q In the afternoon of the 1st day of May, 1918, did you see any person in the house at the time of the shooting?

Q How many persons did you see in the house at the time of the shooting?

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., April 16, 1903.

In the matter of the application of GEORGE KEYS, for the enrollment of himself, his wife LIZZIE KEYS, his daughter FLORENCE KEYS, and his step-children, ANNA M. and PRICILLA VANN, as Cherokee Freedmen:

CHARLIE LANDRUM, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

Q What is your name ? A Charlie Landrum.  
Q How old are you ? A About thirty four.  
Q What is your post office ? A Chelsea.  
Q Do you know George Keys ? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him ? A About eight or ten years, probably longer. I don't know just how long.  
Q Where has he been living since you have known him ?  
A Around Muskogee and Fort Gibson and Tahlequah.  
Q Has he ever lived outside the Cherokee Nation since you first learned to know him ? A Not to my knowledge.  
Q Do you know him pretty well ? A Oh yes, I have known him pretty well, we was all boys together.  
Q Do you know his wife Lizzie ? A No sir, I have seen her, but I am not personally acquainted with her.  
Q Do you know his children ? A No sir, I don't know his children.  
Q Since you have known him he has always made his home in the Cherokee Nation, has he ? A Yes sir.

L. D. DANIELS, being first duly sworn, and examined by the Commission testified as follows:

Q What is your name ? A L. D. Daniels.  
Q What is your age ? A Fifty eight.  
Q Your post office ? A Lenapah.  
Q Do you know George Keys ? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him ? A I have known him for about thirty years I guess.  
Q Where has he been living ? A On Fourteen mile creek in the Cherokee Nation and around Tahlequah.  
Q How long have you lived here ? A All my life in the Nation.  
Q Do you know whether or not George Keys has ever lived outside the Cherokee Nation since you have known him ?  
A Only when the government had him in jail.  
Q Do you know his wife Lizzie ? A No sir, I knowed his first wife Mariah.  
Q You don't know his present wife ? A No sir.  
Q You don't know anything about her or her two children or George Keys child ? A No sir, I don't know his last wife.

NELSON LOWREY, being first duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

Q State your name ? A Nelson Lowrey.  
Q And your age ? A Forty two.  
Q What is your post office address ? A Tahlequah.

Q How long have you known George Keys ? A All my life, ever since I was a boy.

Q Where has he been living since you have known him ?

A In Tahlequah District, all the time except when he was in jail or scouting.

Q Do you know if he has ever been out of the Cherokee Nation to make his home ? A No sir.

Q Do you know his wife Lizzie ? A No sir, I know his first wife.

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E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this August 1, 1905.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.

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State Senators. A copy of the second marriage is only returned as a Cherokee Freedman. The younger of the two children, the roll of 1880, she is living, and will be stated for enrollment of the first marriage. Gerrie Genia, is only identified on Cherokee Freedman. The older of the two children, a child marriage. She will now be stated for enrollment as a child of the first marriage and of a child of her first child from her second marriage, which is only established by title. Her change of name from the roll of 1880 to that of 1888 she states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1888 as a Cherokee Freedman. The enrollment of herself and two minor children. She is Commissioner Breckinridge. The applicant applies for

Gerrie Genia on page 408, No. 840, Commissioner District.

State Senators: State Senators on page 418, No. 224, Commissioner District, as a Mariah Senators.

Maris Senators on page 418, No. 223, Commissioner District, applicants identified thereon as follows:

The 1888 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the roll, identified district, as Mariah Genia. The applicant Maris Senators identified thereon, page 483, No. the 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and

Q He is dead now, V Yes, sir.

V Maris Senators.

Q Give me the name of the man she married the second time.

Q Alfred John Isner, a dead old John mother Maris again, V Yes, sir.

Q Was your father's name John Genia, V Yes, sir.

Q You are her daughter, is her first husband, V Yes, sir.

Q Are you the daughter of this applicant here, Maris Senators, since I can remember.

Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation, V Always, sir.

Q How old are you, V 18.

Q Give me your name, V Gerrie Genia.

Breckinridge, testified as follows:

Gerrie Genia, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner

Maris Senators - S.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Maria Sanders for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Maria Sanders, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your present name? A Maria Gentry.
- Q How old are you? A Mister, I aint able to tell you just how old I is.
- Q As near as you can come to it? A About 35 I reckon.
- Q What is your post office? A Melvin.
- Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah.
- Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A My children.
- Q How many children? A I have got two that are enrolled with me, there is three that will enroll with me.
- Q Three that will enroll with you? A Yes, sir, three girls and two boys, but then the elder ones will enroll themselves.
- Q How many are under 21 years of age? A 2.
- Q Are these two unmarried? A Yes, sir.
- Q Then you will apply for two, the others must apply for themselves. How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A I have been in the Cherokee Nation all my days.
- Q Give me the name of your father? A My father was named Bob Alberty.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long since he dead? A He died right in the beginning of peace.
- Q Give me the name of your mother? A Elizabeth Leak.
- Q Is she dead? A No, sir, she is living.
- Q Her present name is Leak, is it? A Yes, sir.
- Q You have been married, have you? A Yes, sir.
- Q How many times have you been married? A I have been married twice.
- Q Give me the name of your first husband? A John Gentry.
- Q When were you and John Gentry married, how long ago? A I can't tell you how long it has been.
- Q Before the war? A No, sir.
- Q After the war? A Yes, sir.
- Q You married after the war? A Not very soon after the war, a good long time after the war.
- Q Is John Gentry dead? A No, sir; yes, sir, he is dead.
- Q How long since he died? A I don't know, sir, he has been dead a good long time.
- Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Give me the name of your second husband? A Andy Sanders.
- Q Is he dead? A Yes, sir, he is dead.
- Q Did you marry him after John Gentry died? A Yes, sir.
- Q Was Andy Sanders a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q About how long has he been dead? A Six years month after next.
- Q Now isn't your present name Sanders? A Yes, sir.
- Q Don't you go by the name of Maria Sanders? A Yes, sir.
- Q I asked you to give me your present name and you gave me the name of Gentry? A Well it is on the roll that way.
- Q Now give me the names of your two children? A Carrie Gentry.
- Q How old is that child? A 16.
- Q Now give me the name of the next child? A Elvie Sanders.
- Q A girl? A No, sir, a boy.
- Q About how old is that child? A About 16 I guess.
- Q Are these children both living now? A Yes, sir, they are living.
- Q Is there anybody here who knew you before you were married to John Gentry? A Yes, sir, I guess so.

Maria Sanders - 2.

Carrie Gentry, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give me your name? A Carrie Gentry.  
Q How old are you? A 19.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always, ever since I can remember.  
Q Are you the daughter of this applicant here, Maria Sanders?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q You are her daughter by her first husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was your father's name John Gentry? A Yes, sir.  
Q After your father's death did your mother marry again? A Yes, sir.  
Q Give me the name of the man she married the second time?  
A Andy Sanders.  
Q He is dead now? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant Maria Sanders identified thereon, page 762, No. 1817, Tahlequah district, as Mariah Gentry.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Maria Sanders on page 419, No. 533, Cooweescoowee district, as Mariah Sanders;

Elvie Sanders on page 419, No. 534, Cooweescoowee district, as Elvis Sanders;

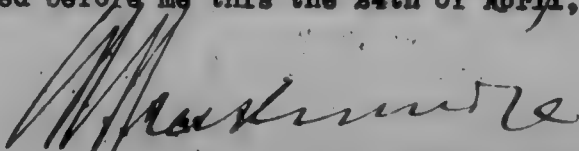
Carrie Gentry on page 406, No. 240, Cooweescoowee district.

Commissioner Breckinridge: The applicant applies for the enrollment of herself and two minor children. She is identified on the rolls of 1880 and 1896 as a Cherokee Freedman. She states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life. Her change of name from the roll of 1880 to that of 1896 arises from her second marriage, which is duly established by the testimony of the applicant and of a child of her first marriage. She will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The older of the two children, a child of the first marriage, Carrie Gentry, is duly identified on the roll of 1896, she is living, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. The younger of the two children, Elvie Sanders, a child of the second marriage, is duly identified on the roll of 1896, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

... 7B. J. 632.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 28<sup>th</sup> 1890  
 Milton, S. C.  
 Halequah, S. C.

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Maria Sanders Age 55

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 767 No. 817 District Halequah

Parents:

Father Bob Alberty - dead Citizenship ColoredMother Elizabeth Beck - living Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

3. James Sentry Year 1886 Page 406 No. 240 Dist. 800 19

4. John Sanders Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page 411A No. 534 Dist. 800 18

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by

Stenographer

No. 1  
No. 1 on 1880 roll as Mariah Sentry  
No. 1 on 1886 roll page 411A No 533 800 Dist, Mariah Sanders  
No. 3 " 1896 " as John Sentry.

CWM

Cherokee F-632.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,

Tahlequah, I. T., November 2, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Maria Sanders for the enrollment of herself and children Carrie Gentry and Elvie Sanders as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

MARIA SANDERS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Maria Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A 58.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Melvin.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you children named Carrie Gentry and Elvie Sanders? A Yes.  
Q Is Elvie a boy or a girl? A A boy.  
Q The child is enrolled as a girl. Is that a mistake? A  
A Yes sir, that is a mistake.  
Q Are they both living?  
A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 2 day of November, 1904.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

JC

Cherokee F-632.

~~Cherokee F-1607.~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., August 19, 1905 .

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Maria Sanders and children, Carrie Gentry and Elvie Sanders, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-632.

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CARRIE MOORE, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public, and examined ~~by~~ on behalf of the Commissioner, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Moore.  
Q How old are you? A 23 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Melvin.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Maria Sanders  
Q And have you a brother named Elvie Sanders? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A John Moore.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A The 24th day of December, 1904.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.

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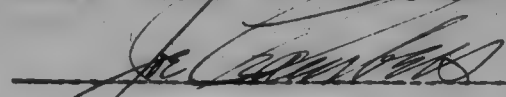
STATEMENT:

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. F-1607.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before  
me this 21st day of August, 1905.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
William P. Durr  
Notary Public.

JC

Tablequah, Indian Territory, November 25, 1904.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:-

Referring to schedule No. 2 of Freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation, heretofore forwarded to the Department, the Commission has the honor to report that the sex of Elvie Sanders, appearing thereon opposite No. 1608, should be corrected so as to appear as a male instead of a female.

On November 2, 1904, Maria Sanders, mother of said child, appeared before the Cherokee Land Office of the Commission and testified in connection with her application for the selection of an allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation for her child, that Elvie Sanders is a male instead of a female, as shown by the Commission. A copy of said testimony is enclosed herewith.

The Commission, therefore, respectfully recommends that the copies of this schedule retained by the Department and in the Office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be changed so that the sex of Elvie Sanders opposite No. 1608 upon said schedule, will appear as a male and that in the column marked "sex", the letter "M" be made to appear instead of the letter "F", and that the

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Commission be authorized to make similar changes upon the copy of this schedule returned to it.

Respectfully,

CWM

Enc. CM-69

Chairman

Commissioner

Commissioner

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Refer in reply to  
the following.  
Land  
84578-1904.

Office of Indian Affairs.

Washington, Dec. 16, 1904.

(COPY)

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a report from the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes dated November 25, 1904, stating that the letter in the sex column opposite the name Elvie Sanders, No. 1608, approved roll of Cherokee Freedmen, should be changed from "P" to "M". The testimony of Maria Sanders transmitted by the Commission shows that the change mentioned should be made. It is recommended that the roll on file with the Department be properly corrected and that the office and the Commission be authorized to make similar changes upon their respective rolls.

Very respectfully,

A. C. Tonner,

Acting Commissioner.

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I.T.D. 12742-1904.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

December 21, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

November 25, 1904, you recommended that the schedule of Cherokee Freedmen, approved by the Department, be changed so that the sex of Elvie Sanders, opposite No. 1308 thereon, will appear as male and not as female, the testimony of Maria Sanders, mother of said child, taken November 2, 1904, showing that such change is necessary.

The Department concurs in your recommendation, and has made such change on its part of said schedule, requesting the Indian Office to do the same. You are authorized to make such change on the part of said schedule in your possession.

A copy of the Acting Commissioner's letter of December 16, 1904, transmitting your report, is inclosed.

Respectfully,

1 inclosure.

Thos. Ryan  
Acting Secretary.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedman  
-652.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, January 27, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of Departmental letter of December 21, 1904 (I.T.D. 12742-1904), granting authority to correct the schedule of Cherokee freedmen so that the sex of Elvie Sanders, No. 1608, shall appear as male and not as female.

Correction has been made upon the copy of the schedule in this office and you are requested to change in the same particular the copy in your office.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED).

*Tams Bixby.*  
Chairman.

Encl. L-37.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of George Gentry for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A George Gentry.  
Q How old are you? A About 27.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just me.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 762 #820 George Gentry, Tahlequah District, adopted col'd

- Q Were you on the rolls of 1896? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you born? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always have.  
Q Not married? A No sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

- Q You don't know why your name aint on the roll of 1896? A No sir.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Always, bred and born here.

Com'r Needles: The name of George Gentry is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; cannot be found upon the census roll of 1896; he is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

*Commissioner*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 23 1901

Post Office *Melvin D.T.*

District *Yak*

1. Name *George Gentry* Age *27*

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *762* No. *820* District *Yak*

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by *Ms.*

Stenographer *M. B. Green*

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Edmond Vann for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Breckinridge he testified as follows:

- Q Give me your full name? A Edmond Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 29.  
Q What is your post-office? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll anybody besides yourself? A No sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Give me the name of your father? A Sank Vann.  
Q Is he dead? A No sir.  
Q Give me the name of your mother? A Fannie Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A No sir.  
Q Were you with your family on the roll of 1880? A No sir, my grand-father, Jess Ross.  
Q What was his wife's name? A Hannah Ross.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 597 #2061 Edmon Vann, Illinois Dist, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant not identified thereon.

- Q Did you draw Cherokee Strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you a child? A Yes sir.

(Com'r to roll clerk: What is the name of that child?  
Roll clerk: Jess Vann.)

- Q That the name of your child? A Yes sir, my father enrolled it.  
Q That child dead? A No sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 38 #936 Edward Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Is the mother of that child dead? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

Com'r Breckinridge: The applicant is identified on the roll of 1880 and on the Kerns-Clifton roll as a Cherokee Freedman; he has lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 23, 1901.

*Chas. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN



## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 23<sup>d</sup> 1901

Ch. Gibson, Ill.

Ill.

1. Name

Edmond Vann

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

2021

District

Illinois

Parents:

Father

Sank Vann

Citizenship

Colored

Mother

Fannie

Citizenship

Colored

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Stenographer

M. D. Green

Not on 1880 - will as Edmon Vann  
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 as Edward Vann.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Carrie Williams for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Carrie Williams, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Carrie Williams.  
Q How old are you? A 26 years old.  
Q What is your post office? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah district.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A I think it is.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Ed Williams.  
Q What is your father's name? A Jim Beck.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Jennie Beck.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Williams? A No, sir.  
Q Was he ever married before he married you? A No, sir, not that I know of.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you living with him? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you want to enroll him? A He had to have witnesses.  
Q Have you got any children? A No, sir.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 740, No. 274, Tahlequah district, as Carrie Beck;  
The 1890 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 1302, No. 50, Tahlequah district, as Carrie Beck.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Born and raised in it? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Carrie Williams is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1890 by her maiden name of Carrie Beck. She avers that she is married to one Ed Williams, and makes satisfactory proof as to her residence, and is duly identified, consequently Carrie Williams will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce G. Jones*

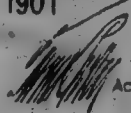
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th of April, 1901.

*W. H. Needles*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 23 1901  
 Post Office McMinn, Tenn.  
 District Chickamauga

1. Name ..... Age .....  
 Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:  
 Father ..... Citizenship .....  
 Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife Xannie Williams Age 26  
 Owners name ..... Citizenship .....  
 Year 1860 Page 140 No. 274 District Chick

Parents:  
 Father James Beck Citizenship Colored  
 Mother Jimmie Citizenship Colored

Names of Children:

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Application made by ..... Stenographer B. J. Jones

On 1860 roll as Xannie Beck  
On 90 roll page 1302 # 30 Xannie Beck, Ch

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 23<sup>d</sup> 1901  
 Muskogee  
 Creek nation

1. Name

Owner's name

Year

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No.

District

Age

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Owners name

Year

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Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. James French

Year

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3. Thomas

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Application made by

Stenographer

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Mary Ross

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Ms. 4 - Affidavit of birth to be supplied



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Elliott for the enrollment of herself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Mary Elliott being duly sworn and examined, by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Elliott.  
Q What is your age? A 32.  
Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee for the present.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Muskogee now.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee citizen? A Yes, sir.  
Q By blood? A No, sir, a Freedman.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee Nation as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does your name appear upon the rolls of the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll besides yourself? A Three children.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A James French.  
Q How old is he? A 11 years old.  
Q The name of the next child? A Thomas French.  
Q How old is he? A 8.  
Q The name of the next child? A Robert.  
Q How old is Robert? A 18 months old.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Robert Elliott.  
Q Is he a citizen? A Yes, sir, he has been enrolled though.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Robert Elliott? A No, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jack Walker.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir, a Cherokee by blood.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Polly Nivens.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Thomas French and James French were born before you were married?  
A Yes, sir, by my first man.  
Q Were you married before? A No, sir, just lived together as man and wife.  
Q What was your name before you were married to Robert Elliott?  
A Mary Walker was my name; I expect it is Ross; some people enrolled me by the name of my stepfather.  
The 1889 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Mary Elliott identified thereon, page 571, No. 1485, as Mary Ross, Illinois district.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Mary Elliott on page 948, No. 206, Illinois district;  
James French on page 950, No. 223, Illinois district;  
Thomas French on page 950, No. 224, Illinois district.  
Q Are these three children alive and living with you at this time?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q You say you are living in the Creek Nation now? A Yes, sir, I am just there for a few months.  
Q Born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q How does your name happen to be Ross on the roll of 1880? A I don't know.  
Q Were you connected with the Rosses in any way? A Ross was my stepfather.  
Q And you were enrolled probably by the name of your stepfather?  
A Yes, sir.

Mary Elliott - 2.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Mary Elliott is found upon the authenticated roll of 1898 as Mary Ross. She is duly identified as the applicant, having been enrolled under the name of her stepfather, Ross. She avers that she is now married to one Robert Elliott, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1898 as Mary Elliott. She avers that she has two children born to her before her marriage with Robert Elliott, namely, James and Thomas French, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1898. She avers that she has one child named Robert Elliott, whose name does not appear upon the census roll of 1898, having been born since the said roll was compiled. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, and consequently the said Mary Elliott and her two children, James French and Thomas French and her child Robert Elliott will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of the said Robert Elliott, it will be necessary to file with the Commission satisfactory proof of its birth.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce G. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN. 1026

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

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INFANT CHILD

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Robert Elliott born on the 20<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Robert Elliott, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mary Elliott, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Muskogee, Okla.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Mary Elliott, on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Robert Elliott, who is a citizen, by  
blood, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 20 day of October, 1899 that said child has been  
named Robert Elliott, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.

I, Polly Ross, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mary Elliott, wife of Robert Elliott,  
on the 20 day of October, 1899; that there was born to her on  
date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Robert Elliott.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cher. Freed. #356

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

George Elliott

as a citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved,

1909

Commissioner.

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of George Elliott (Here insert name of child), born on the 29 day of September, 1901, 1  
 Name of Father: Robert Elliott, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Mary Elliott, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Muskogee, Indian Territory

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Elliott, on oath state that I am 30  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Robert Elliott, who is a citizen, by  
blood of the Cherokee Nation; that a male child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 29 day of September, 1901, 1; that said child has been  
 named George Elliott, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 1902  
Louis T. Brown  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Polly Ross, a midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Mary Elliott, wife of Robert Elliott,  
 on the 29 day of September, 1901, 1, that there was born to her on  
 said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named George Elliott.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 31 day of May, 1902  
Louis T. Brown  
 NOTARY PUBLIC.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OFJames X. Cook  
a citizen of theDeKalb  
Nation.

Approved April 2 1903

L. H. Beckwith  
Commissioner

CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*IN RE  
THE DEATH OF*

James F. Smith  
a citizen of the

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*Nation.*

Approved April 2 1903

*L. R. Beckwith*  
Commissioner

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## CHAINMAIL



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of James French  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Mimbrey, Ind. Ter., and died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
Feb, 1903.  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muske District.  
 I, Mary Elliott, on oath state that I am 31  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Mimbrey, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
now the mother of James French  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said James French died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
Feb, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1903.

John Pearson  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY.

Muske District.  
 I, Robert Elliott, on oath state that I am 30  
 years of age, and a citizen, by blood of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Mimbrey, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with James French  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said James French died on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of  
Feb, 1903.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of April, 1903.

John Pearson  
 Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 23, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Thompson for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

William Thompson, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Thompson.
- Q How old are you? A I guess I am about 35, I was born the year peace was made.
- Q What is your post office address? A I haven't got any.
- Q Never got any mail: you are a man without a country? A I don't know what you might call me.
- Q Where is the nearest post office to where you live? A Here and Muskogee.
- Q Well you had better designate a post office that we can send mail matter to you? A Either here or Muskogee; this is my native home; I am here every day running a hack on the road.
- Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you want to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.
- Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir, my name is on the 1880 roll.
- Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A It is on the 1880 roll I think.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My little girl, going on 15 years old.
- Q What is her name? A Etha Lucy Jane Thompson.
- Q How old is she? A She is going on 15 years old.
- Q Are you married? A Have been.
- Q Is your wife living? A The one I used to live with is living, I am not living with her now.
- Q Who is the mother of Etha L. J. Thompson? A My wife that used to be, Sarah Parris is her name now.
- Q Was her name Sarah Thompson when this child was born? A When she was my wife she was.
- Q What was her father's name? A Willis Lawrence.
- Q Is he living? A No, sir, dead.
- Q What is her mother's name? A Flora.
- Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.
- Q How old is your wife now? A I can't tell you.
- Q About how old? A I judge her to be about 34 or 35, something like that.
- Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.
- Q She is a white woman? A No, sir, she isn't either, she is a colored woman but she isn't a citizen of any one of the nations.
- Q Were you married to her? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any certificate of marriage? A She has got one I guess.
- Q Have you? A No, sir; there is the minister right over there that married us.
- Q Well you can get a certificate from him and file with us. What was your father's name? A Pomp Thompson.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 561, No. 1940, Illinois district, as Wm. Thompson.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant identified thereon, page 365, No. 579, Illinois district, as William Thompson.

- Q Did you put this child on the 1896 roll? A I don't know whether she was put on in 1896, it was put on when we drew money the last time before this payment was paid here four or five years ago, but she didn't draw at that time, she hasn't drawn since she has been born.

William Thompson - 3.

Q Why didn't you draw the strip money for her? A I didn't draw for myself.

Q Why didn't you? A I never got it.

The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Etha L. J. Thompson not found thereon.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Where were you married? A Between here and the river, in the bottom.

Q Always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Only when I was out.

Q How long have you been out? A I have been out backwards and forwards a time or two.

Q How long at a time? A A year or two.

Q What state did you live in? A Didn't live in any particular state.

Q I am asking you for the facts in this case; where were you out? A I have been out visiting and I have been out in prison.

Q Where? A In the states.

Q What states? A Detroit, Michigan state.

Q How long have you been out visiting? A I don't know, I never kept any time.

Q Have you always made your residence in the Cherokee Nation?

A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of William Thompson appears upon the authenticated roll of 1890, as well as the census roll of 1896. He makes satisfactory proof as to his residence. He avers that he was married to one Sarah Lawrence, a non citizen, but presents no satisfactory proof of his marriage. He also avers that by said marriage he has one child, Etha L. J. Thompson, whose name does not appear upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation.

Q Is this child living at this time? A Yes, sir, living.

Q Where? A At Muskogee.

Satisfactory proof has been made as to his residence, and the said William Thompson is duly identified, consequently he and his child Etha L. J. Thompson will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, but in order to complete the enrollment of his child, it will be necessary to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of his marriage to the mother of said child, and also satisfactory proof of birth of said child.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*Bruce C. Jones*


Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 24th of April, 1901.

*W. H. ...*  
Commissioner.

B. J. 637-

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 23, 1901

Post Office

St. Edward St.

District

Illinois

1. Name

William Thompson

Age

35

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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Parents:

Father

Prop Thompson

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Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

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Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Ethas L. J. Thompson

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

B. C. Jones

1. On roll as

Wm Thompson

1. 1896

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No. 579

Ill

2. Proof of marriage of Mr. 1 to former wife  
and ofy of both required



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Edna L. Thompson  
as a citizen of

Sweden  
Nation

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Approved

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L. R. Dickinson  
Commissioner

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ethel L. Thompson  
as a citizen of

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Etha L. J. Thompson, born on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1897.  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: William Thompson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Parish a citizen of the U S Nation.  
Post-office Murkoyee OK

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District.

I, Sarah Parish, on oath state that I am thirty six  
years of age and a citizen, by U S, of the U S Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
blood, of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 12<sup>th</sup> day of December, 1897; that said child has been  
named Etha L. J. Thompson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16 day of May, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western District.

I, Susan Cherry, a mid wife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Thompson, wife of William Thompson  
on the 12 day of December, 1897; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Etha L. J. Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18 day of May, 1904.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

David A. Lee  
My Commission expires July 7, 1906



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE/

Tahlequah, I. T., December 29, 1904.

In the matter of the application of William Thompson for the enrollment of himself and child Etha L. J. Thompson as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

SARAH PARRIS, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Sarah Parris.  
Q How old are you? A I am 36 years old-- going on 36.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you at one time the wife of William Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you and he have a daughter named Etha L. J. Thompson? A Yes.  
Q Is the child living? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know when it was born? A Could not tell just the year, but she was born--- the 12th day of this December made her 17 years old.  
Q Did your former husband make application for himself and child? A Yes sir.  
Q When he applied on April 23, 1901 he gave the age of your child as 13 years; the child was not identified on any of the tribal rolls of the Cherokee Nation, and after the date of the application for the child's enrollment, an affidavit was filed of its birth, in which it was stated that the child was born December 12, 1897. That would make the child 7 years old at this time. Did they make a mistake of ten years? A Yes sir.  
Q Then the child was born in 1887 instead of 1897? A It might have been, but she was 17 years old the 12th of this month.  
Q She is a grown up girl is she? A Yes sir.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 30th day of December, 1904.

*John R. [Signature]*  
Notary Public.

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Continued next.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of April, 1907.

Notary Public.

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Following is a bill, title and correct transcript of his stenographic notes the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly let. The undersigned, being duly sworn, attests that as stenographer.

Members.

Humboldt and Irving at the time when the first re-

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 28, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Julia Humphrys for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; she being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Julia Humphrys.  
Q How old are you, Julia? A 25.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Simpson Lorens.  
Q How old is it? A 11 years old.  
Q The name of the next child? A Lulu Lorens.  
Q How old is Lulu? A Nine.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Have you ever been married? A Yes sir, married to Ketch Lorens.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Dick Humphrys.  
Q He living? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q What was your mother's name? A I can't remember my mother's name. She died when I was four years old.  
Q Have you been divorced from Lorens? A Yes sir, he's married again.  
Q Did you resume your maiden name then afterwards? A I never have changed it; it never was changed on the roll.  
Q When you were married to Lorens it must have been changed? A They called me Lorens, but I never got my mail that way.  
Q Your name was Lorens when you were married to him? A Yes sir.  
Q You got a divorce from him? A Yes sir.  
Q And then you resumed your maiden name? A Yes sir.

The 1886 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 765, No. 980, Julia Humphries, Tahlequah Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

- Q Your children were registered as Lorens were they? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you draw strip money for these children? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been before us before? A Yes sir.  
Q Where? A You couldn't find my name then.  
Q Why couldn't they find it there? A I couldn't tell you; they know more about it than I do; they said they couldn't find it as Humphrys; they never found Dick Humphrys over there.  
Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you born? A In Tahlequah.  
Q You never lived out of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q You never lived in the Choctaw Nation? A No sir, never was any farther than Muskogee; I have been to Fort Smith on trial.  
Q You say you don't recollect what your mother's name was? A No sir.  
Q Didn't you swear in Muskogee that your mother's name was Louisa Alberty? A I did, I heard that was her name; uncle Joe said that was her name.  
Q Did you draw strip money for these children? A Yes sir, this last; I didn't draw the Wallace; I did the last payment.  
Q Did you ever apply to the Creek Nation to be enrolled? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever apply for these children? A No sir.

The Kerne Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's two children identified thereon as follows:



\* Page 54, No. 1340, Simpson Humphries, Tahlequah District.  
Page 54, No. 1341, Lula Humphries, Tahlequah District.

Q These two children living at this time? A Yes sir.

Julia Humphrys applies for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedman; her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and duly identified as the applicant; her name is not found upon the census roll of 1896; she avers she was married to one Lorene by whom she had two children, Simpson and Lulu, and their names are not found upon the Kerns Clifton Roll as Simpson and Lula Humphries; they are duly identified as the children of the applicant, and all make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Julia Humphrys and her two children, Simpson and Lula Lorene, will be duly listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedman. It appears from the records that the said Julia Humphrys applied for enrollment at Muskogee, on the 11th day of May, 1900, and was rejected. By reason of the fact that her name was not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, which judgment was rejected, is erroneous and should be cancelled, her name now being found upon the roll of 1880.

#### Supplemental Testimony.

Examination by J. S. Davenport, Cherokee Representative-

Q Who did you say your father was? A Dick Humphrys.  
Q Was you Dick Humphrys daughter? A He told me so.  
Q Don't you know you were an adopted child? A No sir; he never told me.  
Q Dick and Nellie were living together at the time you were born? A Yes sir.  
Q And you were born by a woman who was not his wife? A Yes sir, I don't know.  
Q And just simply a child taken in the family and adopted? A I don't know.  
Q Your mother wasn't a freedwoman either was she? A I couldn't tell you anything about that; the only name I ever knew is Julia Humphrys.  
Q Don't you know you were known as an adopted child of Dick Humphrys? A I never knowed it, no sir, I don't know.  
Q Was Nellie Humphrys your mother? A No sir, she wasn't my mother.  
Q Dick Humphrys and Nellie Humphrys were living together as man and wife at the time you were born, were they? A I guess they were from my recollection they were living together.  
Q And your mother was no other woman than the lawful wife of Dick Humphrys? A I don't know about the lawful wife.  
Q Did he have two wives at the same time? A No, he didn't have two wives that I can remember; I don't know.

Commissioner-

Q What was your mother's name? A Lou Alberty, Joe Johnson said so. I was small when she died; I couldn't give an account of it.  
Q Was Lou Alberty a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you recollect your mother - did you recollect your mother at all? A No sir.  
Q Did she die before you could recollect? A I never remember her.  
Q The first family you remember living with was Dick Humphrys and Nellie? A Yes sir.  
Q But Nellie was not your mother? A No sir.

Comes now the representatives of the Cherokee Nation and protests against the enrollment of Julia Humphrys and her two children for the reason that from information and her own testimony she claims to be the daughter of Dick Humphrys by a woman other than Nellie Humphrys who was not Nellie Humphrys, and the Nellie Humphrys was the lawfull wife of Dick



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and living with him at the time when the first members.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the First Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 34th day of April, 1901.

*E. J. R. [Signature]*  
*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date *April 23, 1901*

Post Office *Gallagher St.*

District *22*

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife *Julia Humphreys* Age *25*

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year *1880* Page *765* No. *920* District *Gallagher St.*

Parents:

Father *Dick Humphreys dead* Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

2. *Simpson Lorens* Year *K.C.* Page *34* No. *1341* Dist. *Tah.* *11*

3. *Lula* " Year *11* Page *34* No. *1341* Dist. *"* *9*

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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Application made by

Stenographer *E. R. Parker*

1. *Ans 1880 poll as Julia Humphreys*

2. *" " " " Simpson "*

3. *" " " " Lula "*

you than you at all. I have not been to the reservation since.

We are obliged to you for the information you gave us.

was three years ago.

A - No, sir, I never knew any one like that. My mother died when I

Q - Were you ever on the reservation?

A - I don't know how old he was.

Q - Where did you go to school?

A - He was never to school.

Q - How old were you before you left school?

was old. My mother was my step-mother.

A - I don't know how long ago! She died when I was three

Q - How long ago?

Q - Yes, sir, Dick Humphreys.

Q - Your mother married a man named Humphreys?

Yes, sir.

A - Simpson Jones and Louise Jones.

Q - What are their names?

A - I have got two.

Q - Have you any children under 21 years of age?

A - No, sir, a Creek.

Q - Was your husband a Cherokee?

A - I am not now! I have been married.

Q - Was your husband?

A - Yes, Thompson.

Q - Was your mother a white?

A - No, sir, a Creek. She died when I was three years old.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
MUSCOGEE, MAY 11th, 1900.

In the matter of the application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freed-  
man by  
Julia Humphries, for herself, and for Simpson and Louise Loines.

Julia Humphries, being duly sworn, deposed as follows:

Mr. Bixby: What is your name? A - Julia Humphries.

Q - How old are you? A - 25.

Q - What is your post office address? A - Muscogee.

Q - Where do you live?

A - I live here at Muscogee.

Q - Did you ever live in the Cherokee Nation? A - Yes, sir.

Q - How long?

A - I have been there all my days until about ten years ago.

Q - Where have you been living during the last ten years?

A - Here in Muscogee.

Q - Have you resided outside the Territory during the past  
three years?

A - No, sir.

Q - To which district do you belong? A - Illinois.

Q - Do you know if your name is to be found on the 1880 roll?

A - I was in the last payment.

Q - What was your father's name?

A - Dick Humphries.

Q - Is he living? A - No, sir, he is dead.

Q - Was he a Cherokee Freedman? A - Yes, sir.

Q - To which district did he belong? A - Illinois.

Q - Who was your father's owner? A - Blue Alburty.

Q - What was your mother's name?

A - Louisa Alburty.

Q - Is she living or dead? A - Dead.

Q - Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A - No, sir.

Q - State woman?

A - No, sir, a Choctaw. She died when I was three years old.

Q - Who was your mother's owner?

A - Giles Thompson.

Q - Are you married?

A - I am not now; I have been married.

Q - Was your husband a Cherokee?

A - No, sir, a Creek.

Q - Have you any children under 21 years of age?

A - I have got two.

Q - What are their names?

A - Simpson Loines and Louise Loines. Simpson and

Louise is eight.

Q - Your mother married a man named Humphries?

Q - Yes, sir, Dick Humphries.

Q - How long ago?

A - I don't know how long ago; she died when I was three years old. Nellie Humphries was my step-mother.

Q - How old were you before your father died?

A - He has been dead about four years.

Q - About how old a man was he when he died?

A - I don't know how old he was.

Q - Were you ever on the Choctaw roll?

A - No, sir, I never drew any on that. My mother died when I was three years old.

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We are obliged to refuse your enrollment for the reason that your name is not found on the authenticated roll of 1880.

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Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

I hereby certify, upon my official oath as stenographer to above named Commission, that this transcript is a true, full and correct translation of my stenographic notes.

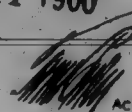
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## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Name Lidia Humphreys age 25District IllinoisMissouri

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Mother's citizenship Choctaw Freedman Louisa Alberty - deadMarried? have been husband was Creek

License

Certificate

Wife's name

District

Year

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Mother's citizenship

## Names of Children:

Simpson Laines

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Age 10Louise Laines

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HENRY L. DAWES,  
TANS BIXBY,  
ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH, Secretary

Muskogee, Ind.Ter. June 4, 1900

Julia Humphries,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

On Friday, May 11th, you made application to this Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman and were refused for the reason that neither your name nor that of your ancestors are found on the authenticated roll of freedmen made in the year 1866. Since that date the instructions of the Department with reference to the enrollment of Cherokee Freedmen have been modified, making it the duty of the Commission now to hear the testimony both for and against the identity of all freedmen, free colored persons and their descendants, and those whom we found to have complied with the requirements of the Treaty of 1866, as relates to persons of African descent, will now be listed for enrollment. You will, therefore, be given a further hearing at any one of the points named on the enclosed circular or at the office of the Commission at Muskogee on any day between the 20th day of June and the 1st day of July, 1900

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

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FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Richard Parlar for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Parlar being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Richard Parlar.  
Q What is your age, Mr. Parlar? A 32.  
Q What is your post office address? A Braggs, Indian Territory.  
Q In what district do you live? A Illinois District.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Nobody.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir; you will find it there as Dick Drew.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 13, #335, as Dick Drew, Canadian District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name identified thereon, page 946, #153, as Richard Drew, Illinois.

(Child found enrolled with applicant in 1896.)

- Q Why don't you want to enroll your child? A It is a Creek citizen.  
Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Her name is Emma.  
Q Is she a Cherokee citizen? A She is a Creek.  
Q What is your father's name? A His name was Parlar Drew.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Katie Drew.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q I find on the roll of 1880 the name of Dick Drew is that intended for you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did your name happen to be on the roll of 1880 as Drew?  
A I was enrolled with my parents.  
Q Were your parents named Drew? A My father was named Parlar, he belonged to the Drews.  
Q He went by the name of Drew? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes, sir.  
Q Ben in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Richard Parlar is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Drew. He is duly identified as the applicant and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

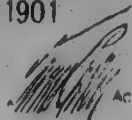
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 25, 1901.  
 Briggs St.  
 Ill.

1. Name

Richard Poler

Age 32

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880 Page 13

No.

335

District

Ill.

Parents:

Father

Poler Dew - dead

Citizenship

Ch. Freed.

Mother

Katie

Citizenship

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

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Stenographer

J. C. Ross

1. On 1880 roll as Dick Dew.  
 1. " 1886 " P. 946 - #153 Richard Dew. Ill.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Eileen Taylor

as a citizen of

Nation.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Ellen Parlor

as a citizen of

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Ellen Parlor (Here insert name of child.) , born on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June , 1901.  
Name of Father: Richard Parlor a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Emma Parlor a citizen of the Creek Nation.  
Post-office Braggs Indian Territory

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Emma Parlor , on oath state that I am 29  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption , of the Creek Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Richard Parlor , who is a citizen, by  
adoption , of the Cherokee Nation; that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 19<sup>th</sup> day of June , 1901; that said child has been  
named Ellen Parlor , and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day of June1902My term expires  
Jan 30 1905Joshua Ross  
NOTARY PUBLIC

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Naomi V. Fields , a Midwife , on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Emma Parlor , wife of Richard Parlor  
on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June , 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Ellen Parlor

WITNESSES TO MARK:

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Witnesses.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

27<sup>th</sup> day of June1902My term expires  
Jan. 30. 1905Naomi V. Fields her  
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Joshua Ross  
NOTARY PUBLIC

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T., September 27, 1902.

In the matter of the application of Richard Porlar for the enrollment of himself and child, Ellen Porlar, as Cherokee freedmen: he being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Richard Porlar.  
Q What is your age? A Thirty-three years old.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Braggs, Indian Territory.  
Q Are you the same Richard Porlar that applied to this Commission for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman on April 24, 1901? A Yes sir.  
Q You now appear ~~for~~ for the purpose of having your child enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you marry after your original application was made to the Commission? A No sir.  
Q You were married at that time? A Yes sir.  
Q What year were you married in? A In '93.  
Q What was your wife's name? A Her name was Emma Williams, her maiden name.  
Q Is she still living? A Yes sir.  
Q You and she are living together as husband and wife? A Yes sir.  
Q Lived together ever since you were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Living there yet? A Yes sir.  
Q You were living there on the first day of September, 1902? A Yes sir, lived there all my life, born there and lived there all my life.  
Q Who married you and your wife? A Sam Brewer.  
Q Did he give you a marriage certificate at the time? A Yes sir.  
Q What became of that marriage certificate? A Why I lost it between here and Braggs on the road somewhere; I couldn't find it.  
Q When did you lose it? A It has been about three months ago; it was since I made an affidavit here. Then I was notified to bring the certificate and I started here and after I arrived here in town I found that I had lost it.  
Q Who made this copy you present here to the Commission? A Why Thompson at Fort Gibson.  
Q Is he a lawyer? A He is a Notary Public.  
Q You don't know whether that is a true copy of the original or not? A Yes, that is a true copy.  
Q Did you read the original and read this to see if they were alike? A As well as we can remember I think it is the same. He has done some work for this elder.  
Q When Thompson wrote this copy out he didn't have the original there before him? A No sir.  
Q He made this copy from memory? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got any witnesses here that were present when you and your wife were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Who are they? A Here they are.  
Q This child you apply for now was born after you made your original application? A Yes sir.  
Q And it is your child by your wife Emma? A Yes sir.  
Q When was it born do you remember the day of the month? A The 19th day of June, 1901.  
Q You and your wife were living together when this child was born? A Yes sir.

James Walker, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

2-Richard Porlar et al.

Q What is your name? A James Walker.  
Q How old are you? A 53 years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q Do you know this applicant here Richard Porlar? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have been knowing him for 12 or 15 years.  
Q Where have you known him? A I knew him at Braggs.  
Q Did you formerly live at Braggs yourself? A No sir, but I have been there quite often.  
Q Do you know his wife, Emma? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known her? A About the same time.  
Q Did you know her before she and Richard were married? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know whether Richard Porlar and Emma Williams were married? A Yes sir, they were married, I witnessed the marriage.  
Q You were present when the ceremony was performed? A Yes sir.  
Q Who married them? A Sam Brewer.  
Q Was he a preacher? A Yes sir, a regularly ordained preacher.  
Q Do you know what year this marriage took place? A I think it was in '93.  
Q Where at? A At Braggs.  
Q Has Richard Porlar been living there at Braggs since he married this woman? A Yes sir, right at Braggs.

Rebecca Walker, being sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Rebecca Walker.  
Q How old are you? A 28.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Muskogee.  
Q Are you acquainted with the applicant Richard Porlar? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I don't know exactly, about 15 or 16 years I guess.  
Q Where? A Braggs and Muskogee.  
Q Where has he lived during the time you have known him? A He lived at Vian and Braggs during the time I have known him.  
Q Do you know whether he is married? A Yes sir.  
Q What was his wife's name? A Emma.  
Q How do you know they were married? A I was at the marriage.  
Q Do you know who performed the ceremony? A Yes sir.  
Q Who performed the ceremony? A Rev. Sam Brewer.  
Q What was he? A He was a Cherokee.  
Q What position did he hold? A He was an old minister.  
Q Is Richard Porlar and his wife Emma living together at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q Have they always lived together as husband and wife since they were married in '93? A Yes sir.  
Q And lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, at Braggs.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*B. A. Rothberger*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of October, 1902.

*B. C. Jones*  
Notary Public.

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Have you ever seen a sign that says "No Smoking"? I have seen one in a restaurant. It was a sign that said "No Smoking". I saw it in a restaurant. It was a sign that said "No Smoking".

James M. Smith

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., February 18, 1905.

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In the matter of the application for enrollment of Richard Porlar for himself and child, Ellen, as Cherokee Freedmen.

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RICHARD PORLAR, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:--

- Q What is your name? A Richard Porlar.
- Q How old are you? A I am about 35 years old.
- Q What is your post-office? A Braggs, I. T.
- Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A I am a son of a Cherokee Freedman, enrolled with him.
- Q What is your father's name? A Porlar Drew is the name he went by.
- Q What is your mother's name? A Her name was Katie Drew.
- Q You claim to be a Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes sir. I am a descendant of a Cherokee Freedman.
- Q Have you children? A Yes sir. I have seven children but the one I want to file for is named Ellen.
- Q Is that your youngest? A No sir, I have two that are younger than this one.
- Q Did you apply for the enrollment of Ellen as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir, that is, my wife did, she made the application.
- Q What is your wife's name? A Her name is Emma Porlar.
- Q Is that her full name? A She signs Emma E. Porlar.
- Q Has this child, Ellen, any other name besides Ellen? A Ellen is the only name she has, Ellen Porlar.
- Q Have you a child named Violet E. Porlar? A Yes sir, I have one of that name but she is a Creek citizen and has her allotment in the Creek Nation.
- Q Is she older than Ellen? A Yes sir, she's older than Ellen.
- Q Are all of your other children, older than Ellen, enrolled as citizens of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Your children younger than Ellen, were they born too late to be enrolled either in the Cherokee or Creek Nation?
- A Yes sir.
- Q Was Ellen born since the closing of the Creek roll? A Yes sir, I think she was.
- Q Are you and your wife, Emma, living together now? A Yes sir.
- Q Does she live with you at Braggs? A Yes sir.
- Q Is it your desire that your child, Ellen, be enrolled with you in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir, she can not be enrolled as a Creek citizen and we decided to enroll her with myself. I would rather she would be enrolled with the Creeks but as she can not be enrolled with the Creeks I decided to have her enrolled with me as a Cherokee citizen.
- Q Under the law, you don't claim that she's entitled to enrollment in the Creek Nation? A No sir. Of course we tried to enroll her with the Creeks and they said she was born too late to be enrolled with the Creeks.

- Q Have you ever made any formal application for her enrollment?  
A My wife she inquired, but as to making an application for enrollment I don't think she did make it. She made an inquiry of officials and they told her that she was too late of birth to be enrolled with the Creeks. I would not say positive that she did not make an application.  
Q That's your understanding though, that your child was born too late to be enrolled as a citizen of the Creek Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Is the child living at this time? A No sir, she's deceased.  
Q When did she die? A She died on the Thursday before Christmas, this last Christmas; she died on the 22 of December, 1904.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Joe Chambers

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 18th day of February, 1905.

J. Rossen  
Notary Public.



IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Ellen Parlar

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

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# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Ellen Postar  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Braggs Ind. Ter., and died on the 22<sup>d</sup>  
(Here insert name of postoffice.) day of  
December 1905

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Richard Postar, on oath state that I am 35  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Braggs Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
the father of Ellen Postar  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Ellen Postar died on the 22<sup>d</sup>  
(Here insert name of deceased.) day of  
December 1905

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February 1905  
John  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1905

Notary Public.

Bragg I. J.

And Certified That the Rite of  
Holy Matrimony was celebrated  
between Mr. Richard Parlor  
of Vian I. T. and Miss Emma  
William of Bragg I. T. on the  
4<sup>th</sup> of June 1893. At Bragg  
I. T. by Rev. Sam. Brown, Pastor.

Witnesses

Rebecca Walker  
Jim Walker

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 30, 1902.

Richard Porlar,

Braggs, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

In the affidavit which you send in the matter of the application for the enrollment of your child Ellen Porlar as a Cherokee Freedman, your wife appears as a non citizen of the Cherokee Nation. Before the application for the enrollment of your child can be further considered it will be necessary that you supply the Commission with the original or certified copy of your marriage license and certificate showing your marriage to the mother of this child.

Yours truly,

Commissioner in Charge.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 16, 1902.

Richard Porlar,  
Braggs, Indian Territory,

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of certificate showing your marriage on June 4, 1893, to Miss Emma Williams. This paper is evidently a copy, and not the original of your marriage certificate.

You are requested to send to the Commission your original marriage certificate. It will be necessary that you supply the Commission with this document before the application for the enrollment of your child, Ellen Porlar, can be considered.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1902.

Creek Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:-

On September 29, 1902, there was received, approved and filed by the Commission properly executed birth affidavit in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar as a Cherokee Freedman. The father of this child is shown in the affidavit as Richard Porlar, a recognized Cherokee Freedman, and the mother as Emma Porlar, a non-citizen. Ellen Porlar has been listed upon Cherokee Freedman card 639.

The Commission is now informed that Ellen Porlar is a Creek Freedman and that her name appears on Creek Freedman card 909, and you are requested to advise the Cherokee Enrollment Division of this Commission as to the status, if any, of Emma Porlar and also if an application has been made for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar as a Creek Freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

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COMMISSIONERS

HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Creek Freedmen,  
Field No. 909.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH  
SECRETARY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 26, 1902.

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:

The Creek Enrollment Division is in receipt of your letter of November 20, 1902, asking as to the status, if any, of the enrollment of Emma and Ellen Porlar, as Creek freedmen.

Replying thereto, you are advised that Emma Porlar, age 25 years, a daughter of George Williams and Ellen Mackey, and her three children, Etta, age 4 years, Ethel, age 2 years and Earl S. Porlar, age 7 months, were enrolled in September, 1898, and her daughter, Violet E. Porlar, age 1 year, was enrolled February 1, 1901, on Creek freedmen Card, Field No. 909, and that their enrollment was approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 28, 1902.

You are further advised that the name of Emma Porlar is found and identified on the 1890 and 1895 authenticated tribal rolls of the Creek Nation, and that the father of the aforesaid mentioned children is Richard Porlar, a Cherokee freedman.

You are also advised that no application has been made to this division for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar as a Creek freedman. It is possible, however, that Violet E. Porlar and

2 Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Ellen Porlar are one and the same person. The birth affidavit in this office in the case of Violet E. Porlar shows that she was born on the 6th day of January, 1900.

Respectfully,



Acting Chairman.



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Creek F 909.

COMMISSIONER OF THE BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 2, 1903.

P. G. Reuter,

Clerk in Charge Cherokee Land Office,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that Etta, Ethel, Earl S., and Violet E. Porlar, aged 4, 2, 7 months, and 1, respectively, are regularly enrolled on Creek Freedman Card Field No. 909; that selections of land have been made for them in the Creek Nation, and that their names are included in a schedule of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 28, 1902.

It appears from the records of the Creek Enrollment Division that the father of said children is Richard Porlar, a Cherokee freedman, and that their mother is Emma Parlor, a Creek freedman.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby,

Acting Chairman.

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Cherokee Freedmen

No. 639.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 5, 1905.

Richard Porlar,

Briggs, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

The Commission is in receipt, by reference from the Secretary of the Interior, of your letter of May 16, 1905, relative to the enrollment of your minor child, Ellen Porlar, as a Cherokee freedman.

In reply you are advised that the Commission has not yet rendered a decision in this case. When a decision has been rendered you will be furnished with a copy.

You are further advised that you will not be permitted to make an allotment selection for the said Ellen Porlar until her name has been placed upon a final schedule of Cherokee freedmen and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, of which you will be duly notified.

Respectfully,

D. *I. B. Needles.*  
Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedmen

No. 639.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 14, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Creek Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

Application has been made for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar, born June 19, 1901, child of Richard Porlar, a duly enrolled Cherokee freedman, and Emma Porlar, a Creek freedman. It appears that Emma Porlar, with several minor children, is listed on Creek freedmen card, Field No. 909.

You are requested to advise the Cherokee Enrollment Division whether or not any application has ever been made for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar as a Creek freedman, and if so, the status of her application.

You are requested to give this matter early attention.

respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Cr .P. 909.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 16, 1905.

Chief Clerk,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your communication of August 14, 1905 (Cherokee Fr. 639), in which you state that application has been made for Ellen Porlar, born June 19, 1901, child of Richard Porlar, a duly enrolled Cherokee Freedman, and Emma Porlar, a Creek Freedman. You state that Emma Porlar, with several children, were listed on Creek Freedmen card field number 909, and you asked to be advised whether application has been made for Ellen Porlar as a Creek Freedman.

In reply you are advised that the records of this office have been examined and it does not appear that application has been made for the enrollment of Ellen Porlar under that name, as a Creek Freedman.

You are further advised that Violet E. Porlar, born January 6, 1900, child of Richard Porlar, a Cherokee Freedman, and Emma Porlar, a Creek Freedman, is listed for enrollment with her mother on Creek Freedmen card field number 909, and that her name is contained

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in the partial list of Creek Freedmen approved by the Secretary of  
the Interior, March 28, 1902, roll number 3469.

Respectfully,

W<sup>m</sup> C. Beale

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 15, 1906.

Clerk in Charge,

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

Application in affidavit form for the enrollment of  
Booker T.W. Porlar, child of Emma Porlar, a Creek Freedman, and  
Richard Porlar, a Cherokee Freedman, born July 22, 1905. You are  
requested to advise this office if application has been made  
for the enrollment of said child, as a citizen of the Cherokee  
Nation, and if so, what is the status of said application.

Respectfully,



Commissioner.

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GODS WERE WORSHIPPED.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jacob Foreman for the enrollment of himself, wife and six children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Foreman being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jake Foreman.  
Q How old are you, Mr. Foreman? A About 40 I guess.  
Q You are 40 you say? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Wife and children.  
Q How many children? A Six.  
Q Have you been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes.  
Q Is your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your wife's name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Leah Vann before she married.  
Q How old is she? A About 29 or 30.  
Q Give me the names of your children, please? A Lillie.  
Q How old is Lillie? A She is about 13 years old.  
Q The next child? A Lelia.  
Q How old is Lelia? A 12.  
Q The next one? A Andrew.  
Q How old is Andrew? A Ten.  
Q The next one? A Albert.  
Q How old is Albert? A Eight years old.  
Q The next one? A Addie.  
Q How old is Addie? A She is five years old.  
Q The next one? A Robert.  
Q How old is Robert? A Three years old.  
Q Were you ever married before you married Leah? A No, sir.  
Q Is your wife, Leah, the mother of all your children? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is her father's name? A Alex Crape, he is living, but he is in the Pen.  
Q What is her mother's name? A Martha.  
Q Are these children whose names you have given me all living now?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with you? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 532, #714, Jacob Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 600, #2189, Lier Vann, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:

- Page 949, #238, Jacob Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #239, Leah Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #240, Lillie Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #241, Lelia Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #242, Andrew Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #243, Aberh Foreman, Illinois District.  
Page 949, #244, Addie Foreman, Illinois District.

- Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation, Mr. Foreman?  
A I have lived there about all.  
Q Have you always lived there since 1880, in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Has your wife Leah lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880?  
A Yes, sir.

Jacob Foreman, et al.--2.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Jacob Foreman is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. Applicant applies for the enrollment of his wife, Leah and six children. He avers that her maiden name was Vann and her name appears upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Leah Vann and the census roll of 1896 as Leah Foreman. The names of his children, Lillie, Lelia, Andrew, Albert and Addie, appear upon the census roll of 1896. They are duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony. Applicant avers he has one child, Robert, whose name does not appear upon the said roll, having been born after the same was compiled. Satisfactory proof is made as to citizenship and acts residence, consequently Jacob Foreman, his wife, Leah, and his children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of his youngest child, Robert, it will be necessary for him to file satisfactory proof as to its birth.

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J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 24 1901

Post Office

Vian, I. T.

District

Illinois

1. Name

Jacob Foreman

Age

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Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

714

District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Leah Foreman

Age

30

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Alex Graper - living

Citizenship

Mother

Martha Vann - "

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Lillie

Foreman

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Application made by

W. I.

Stenographer

J. Ross

1. On 1896 roll P. 949-238 Ill  
 2. " 1880 " as Lier Vann  
 2. " 1896 " Page 949-239 Ill  
 6. " 1896 " as Albert Foreman  
 8. aff. of birth to be supplied

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Robert Garrison*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Robert Foreman, born on the 17 day of December, 1897  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Jacob Foreman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Leah Foreman, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Man, S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Leah Foreman, on oath state that I am 30  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Jacob Foreman, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 17 day of December, 1897; that said child has been  
named Robert Foreman, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. H. Brown  
E. J. ...

Leah Foreman  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 1902

J. R. Mayfield

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.

I, Jacob Foreman, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Leah Foreman, wife of Jacob Foreman, on the  
on the 17 day of December, 1897, that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Robert Foreman.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

W. H. Brown  
E. J. ...

Jacob Foreman  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23 day of June, 1902

J. R. Mayfield

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Leah Foreman

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Leah Foreman  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian, Ind. Ter., and died on the 22 day of  
August, 1904  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Jacob Foreman, on oath state that I am 43  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Vian Ind. Ter.; that I am  
husband of Leah Foreman  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Leah Foreman died on the 22 day of  
August, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6 day of Oct, 1904William T. Linn

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 190\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public.



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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Hadda Jaraman

a citizen of the

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved APR 21 1905 190

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Commissioner.

APR 21 1905

# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Addie Foreman  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Vian Ind. Ter., and died on the 20 day of  
October, 1904  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern DISTRICT.

I, Jacob Foreman, on oath state that I am 34  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is Vian Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
the father of Addie Foreman  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Addie Foreman died on the 20 day of  
October, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased.)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

12 day of

April

1905

Johnson  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
 DISTRICT.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my postoffice address is \_\_\_\_\_ Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 \_\_\_\_\_, 19\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this

day of

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Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Muskogee, I. T., April 13, 1906.

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Card No. 640; Allotment No. F-1624.

In the matter of the application to select an allotment and designate a homestead for Lillie Titworth, enrolled as Lillie Foreman.

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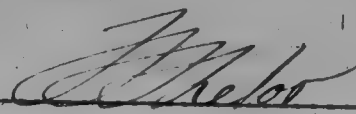
Lillie Titworth appeared in her own proper person, and being duly sworn by Chas. E. Webster, Notary Public, and examined, testified as follows:

On behalf of the Commissioner:

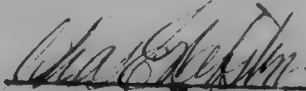
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| Q | What is your name?                                            | A | Lillie Titworth.   |
| Q | How old are you?                                              | A | Eighteen.          |
| Q | What is your postoffice?                                      | A | Vian, I. T.        |
| Q | Are you a Cherokee Freedman?                                  | A | Yes sir.           |
| Q | Were you enrolled as Lillie Foreman?                          | A | Yes sir.           |
| Q | Have you married since you first filed?                       | A | Yes sir.           |
| Q | When did you marry?                                           | A | Last August.       |
| Q | What date?                                                    | A | August 28th, 1905. |
| Q | Is your husband a Cherokee Freedman?                          | A | No sir.            |
| Q | Are you and him living together now?                          | A | Yes sir.           |
| Q | Have you land from which you desire to select your allotment? |   |                    |
| A | Yes sir.                                                      |   |                    |
| Q | Are there any improvements on this land?                      | A | Orchard on it.     |
| Q | Who owns these improvements?                                  | A | I don't know, sir. |

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I, H. S. Shelor, being duly sworn, state that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, I recorded the foregoing proceedings and testimony, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of my stenographic notes.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of April, 1906.



Notary Public.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE-CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 24th, 1901/

In the matter of the application of Moses Drew for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Drew being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Moses Drew.  
Q How old are you, Moses? A I don't know exactly, about 39 I think.  
Q What is your post office address? A Webbers.  
Q What district do you live in? A I live in Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q Have you always been recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Parlor Drew.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Katie

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 13 #333, Moses Drew, Canadian.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 97, #5, Mose Drew, Canadian District.

- Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Living with your wife? A No! sir.  
Q You don't want to enroll your wife or children? A They will enroll in the Creek Nation.  
Q What is your wife's name? A She is named Mulsie.  
Q Benjamin Drew is that your child? A That is my brother.  
Q Guss Drew is that your child? A Yes, sir.  
Q He is a Creek is he? A Yes, sir.  
Q Ola? A Yes, sir.  
Q Jennie? A Yes, sir.  
Q They are Creeks? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Moses Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freeman.

He avers that his three children, Guss, Ola and Jennie, whose names appear upon the census roll of 1896 are Creek citizens and not entitled to enrollment as Cherokees.

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J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 24 1901

Post Office

Webbers Falls, S.F.

District

Canadian

1. Name

Moses Drew

Age

39

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1890

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No.

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District

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Parents:

Father

Parlor Drew - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Kate

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

J. D. Ross

On 1896 roll Page 97 - #5 - Moses Drew, Can.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alice Walker for the enrollment of herself and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Walker being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alice Walker.  
Q What is your age? A I am 24.  
Q What is your post office address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and two children.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Sam Benge and May Walker.  
Q Samuel Benge? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is Samuel Benge? A Eight years old.  
Q The next child? A She is just three.  
Q What is her name? A Mary Walker.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir, I have never been married.  
Q Never been married? A No, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jack Walker.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Polly Ross.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 571, #1486, Allie Ross, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 971, #786, Alice Walker, Illinois District.

- Q Did you enroll this oldest child with you in 1896? A Why, she has been enrolled twice, once that I know of.  
Q Did you draw Cherokee strip money for this boy? A Yes, sir.  
Q I find on the roll of 1880 the name of Allie Ross, was that intended for you? A Yes, sir.  
Q How did your name happen to be Ross in 1880? A My step-father enrolled me.  
Q His name was Ross? A Yes, sir.  
Q He raised you? A Yes, sir.  
Q And he enrolled you as Ross? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your oldest child's name Samuel or Richard? A Samuel.  
Q He went by the name of Richard? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 ~~Authenticated~~ roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's older child's name identified thereon, page 943, #87, as Richard Benge, Illinois District, "Enrolled with Alice Walker."

- Q How did his name ever get to be enrolled Richard? A I first named him Richard.  
Q You first named him Richard and then changed it? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say you have never been married? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Alice Walker is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. She applies for the enrollment of herself and two children, Samuel Benge and May Walker. The name of Samuel

Alice Walker, et al.--2.

Benge is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Richard Benge and is duly identified as the applicant. The name of May Walker is not found upon the census roll of 1896, having been born after the said roll was compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Alice Walker and her two children named herein, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. It will be necessary for the applicant to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of birth as to May Walker.

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J. O. Rossen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rossen*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901

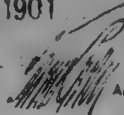
*J. B. Smith*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 24 1901

Post Office

District

F. H. Gibson Jr  
Illinois

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age 24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2 Samuel Benge Year 1896 Page 943 No. 87 Dist. Ill 8

3 May Walker Year — Page — No. — Dist. — 3

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Application made by

Stenographer

Alice Walker Al. Ross

1 On 1890 roll as Alice Ross

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2 " 1896 " as Richard Benge

3 Affidavit of birth to be supplied

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

May Walker

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE.

Nation.

Approved

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of May Walker, born on the 22 day of January, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: George Ferguson, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Alice Walker, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, St. Gibson, Id

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Alice Walker, on oath state that I am 24  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of George Ferguson, who is a citizen, ~~not~~  
of the United States Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 22 day of January, 1898 that said child has been  
named May Walker, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 1902

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District.  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

I, Polly Lippert, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Alice Walker <sup>out of the</sup> wife of George Ferguson  
on the 22 day of January, 1898 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named May Walker.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of May, 1902

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T. July 15, 1904.

In the matter of the application of Alice Walker for the enrollment of herself and Samuel Benge and Mary Walker as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

ALICE BAILEY, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alice Bailey.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q You are a Cherokee Freedman are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A William Bailey.  
Q Are you and he living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir. He is a white man.  
Q When were you and he married? A 15th day of last month.
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Mary B. Risser, being duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes therein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 19th day of July, 1904.

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*Mary B. Risser*  
*J. Rosen*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 24th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jane Harlin for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; said Harlin being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jane Evans.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 22.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A I stay at Muskogee.  
Q It is in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other Nation or tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A With Mary Evans that is my mother.  
Q Whom do you want to enroll? A Just myself.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A Mary Evans.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A Fielding Evans.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 756, #669, Jane Evans, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you been married? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you married now? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Frank Harlin.  
Q If your husband's name is Harlin your name is Harlin, isn't it?  
A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of applicant found thereon, page 1310, #177, Jane Harlin, Tahlequah District.

- Q Is Frank Harlin a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q When were you married to him? A It has been about six years ago.  
Q Have you got any children? A No, sir.  
Q Now, how long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q I thought you lived in the ~~Cherokee~~ Creek Nation? A I have been there.  
Q How long have you lived in the Creek Nation? A Two years.  
Q Is your husband a Creek citizen? A No, sir.  
Q Have you got any property in the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir; my mother has.

COMR NEEDLES:--The name of Jane Harlin is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Jane Evans, Evans having been her maiden name. She testifies that since she has married one Frank Harlin and her name appears upon the census roll of 1896, as Jane Harlin. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

*J. O. Rosson*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 24 1901Post Office Yalequah I.G.District Irish Nation

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother Harlin

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Jane EvansAge 22

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1876Page 756No. 669District Yah.

Parents:

Father Fielding Evans - dead

Citizenship

Mother Mary Evans - living

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by Jane HarlinStenographer N. Rossou1876 roll as Jane Evans1876 " Pages 310 \* 177 - Yah.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 24th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Caroline Ross for the enrollment of herself and four children as Cherokee Freedmen: She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Caroline Ross.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know how old I is.  
Q Well about how old do they say you are? A. About 27 or '8.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Tahlequah.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee Authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My children.  
Q How many children? A. Four.  
Q What are their names? A. James Ross.  
Q How old? A. 10.  
Q Next child? A. Ada.  
Q How old? A. 8.  
Q Next child? A. Louis  
Q How old? A. 7.  
Q Next child? A. Jessie Lee.  
Q How old? A. 8 months.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir, I am not; I have been married though.  
Q What was your husband's name? A. Joshua Ross  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your fathers name? A. Simon Sanders.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mothers name? A. Sarah.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 895, No. 2072, Caroline Sanders, Tahlequah district.

- Q Was you enrolled in 1896? A. Yes sir I think I was.  
Q Did you draw Strip money? A. Yes sir.  
Q Did you have any other name besides Ross or Sanders? A. Look for Caroline Shouteau.

K.O. Roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant's children identified thereon as follows:  
Page 88, No. 2220, Jim Ross, ( No district )  
Page 88, No. 2221, Ada Ross, ( No district )

- Q Are these children living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Living here not? A. Yes sir.

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Caroline Ross is found on the authenticated roll of 1880, but not on the census roll of 1896; she avers that she was married to one Joshua Ross, by whom she has four children, and the names of two of said children, James and Ada are found on the Kerns-Clifton pay roll, and the names of the other two children, Louis and Jessie Lee are not found on said roll, having been born since same were compiled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Caroline Ross and her children will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of her two youngest children, Louis and Jessie Lee, it will be necessary for her to file proper certificates as to their birth.

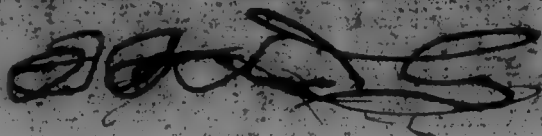
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That, von Beyer, being sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission  
of the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in  
the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct trans-  
cript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Charles von Beyer*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 20th of April, 1901, at Fort  
Sibson, I. T.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 24 1901Post Office GahleguashDistrict Gahleguash

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name of wife Caroline Ross Age 27, about

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1880 Page 805- No. 2072 District Tah.

Parents:

Father Samuel Sanders - dead Citizenship C. F.Mother Sarah " - living Citizenship C. F.

Names of Children:

2. James Ross Year K.C. Page 88 No. 2220 Dist. — 103. Johna " " Year " Page 88 No. 2221 Dist. — 84. Louis " " Year — Page — No. — Dist. — 75. Jessie L. " " Year — Page — No. — Dist. — 2 yrs.

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Application made by Caroline Sanders Stenographer Chas. W. H. H.On 1880 roll as Caroline Sanders2 On K<sup>nd</sup> & 6 roll as Caroline Ross  
4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Affidavits of birth to be supplied

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

CHEROKEE. *native*

as a citizen of

*Jessie L. Ross*

*Nation*

Approved. APR 25 1901

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Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Jessie L. Ross, born on the 25 day of February, 1901  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Henry Tughouse, a citizen of the U.S. Nation.  
Name of Mother: Caroline Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Tahlequah, N.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Caroline Ross, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Tughouse, who is a citizen, ~~of~~  
U.S., of the U.S. Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 25 day of Feb., 1901; that said child has been  
named Jessie L. Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

J. P. Bledsoe  
J. P. Bledsoe

Caroline Ross  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Ross, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Caroline Ross, wife of Henry Tughouse  
on the 25 day of Feb., 1901; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Jessie L. Ross.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

J. P. Bledsoe  
J. P. Bledsoe

Mary Ross  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1901.

John Brady

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Louis Ross

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved. APR 25 1901

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Louis Ross, born on the 16 day of January, 1894  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Joshua Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Caroline Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Sahlequah, Id

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Caroline Ross, on oath state that I am 27  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I ~~am~~ <sup>was</sup> the lawful wife of Joshua Ross, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Male child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 16 day of January, 1894 that said child has been  
named Louis Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Samuel Sanders Caroline Ross  
E. P. Bledsoe mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1907.John Brady

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Mary Ross, a midwife on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Caroline Ross, wife of Joshua Ross,  
on the 16 day of January, 1894 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Louis Ross.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Samuel Sanders Mary Ross  
E. P. Bledsoe mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25 day of April, 1907.John Brady

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

Tahlequah, I. T., March 22, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Caroline Ross  
for the enrollment of herself and children, James, Ada, Louis,  
and Jessie L. Ross, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-644.  
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CAROLINE VANN, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:---

- Q What is your name? A Caroline Vann. I was Ross before  
I married.  
Q How old are you? A About 31 or 32, or something like that.  
Q What is your post-office? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Married? A Yes sir, I am married.  
Q Husband's name? A Johnson Vann.  
Q Is he a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is his name Johnson Jr.? A I think so.  
Q When were you married? A About 6 months, I guess.  
Q Do you remember in what month you were married? A I think  
it was about September.  
Q About September, 1904? A I don't know.  
Q Been married long enough to have any children? A No, I  
have got plenty already.  
Q Are you and Johnson living together now? A Yes sir.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as steno-  
grapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he cor-  
rectly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above  
and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic  
notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 25th day of March, 1905.

*Joe Chambers*  
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*Samuel Foreman*  
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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Margaret Sanders for the enrollment of herself and an insane ward, as Cherokee Freedman, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Margaret Sanders.  
Q How old are you? A About 30, maybe older; I don't know.  
Q What is your post-office? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A A girl I raised, called Ruthie Alberty.  
Q Is her name Ruth? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? A She is about 32.  
Com'r: She will have to come herself.  
A No sir, she is insane.  
Q About 32 years old? A Yes sir, born time of the cholera.  
Q Anybody else you want to enroll? A No sir, my husband can enroll for himself.  
Q What is your husband's name? A Lewis Sanders.  
Q What was your name before you married Sanders? A Margaret Buffington.  
Q How many times have you been married? A Twice.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 739 #237 Margaret Buffington, Tahlequah Dist, adopted col'd

- Q Who was Charles Buffington? A That was my husband; he is dead.  
Q What district was Ruth in 20 years ago? A I don't know.  
Q What was her father's name? A I couldn't tell you about her father.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Polly.  
She belonged to Miss Martin and she died when she was 4 weeks old.  
Q Who is James Alberty? A That was Jim I guess, her brother; he is dead.  
Q Did you know one named Rose? A That was his wife I reckon.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 612 #6 Rutha Alberty, Saline Dist, adopted colored;  
1896: page 1323 #507 Margaret Sanders, Tahlequah District.  
page 395 #11 Rutha Alberty Cooweescoowee District.

- What is your present husband's name? A Lewis Sanders.  
Q Your first husband was named Charlie Buffington? A Yes sir.  
Q Why isn't Ruth Alberty here herself? A She don't know anything.  
Q She is non compos is she? A Yes sir, don't know a thing.  
Q You have to attend to her business for her? A Everything, even have to sew her clothes, make her clothes and put them on her.  
Q She wouldn't be able to give any testimony about herself if she was here? A No sir.  
Q She is living? A Yes sir, I have got her.

Com'r Needles: The name of Margaret Sanders is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Margaret Buffington, that having been her married name at the time of her enrollment; she has since married one Lewis Sanders, and her name is found upon the census roll of 1896 as ~~Margaret Sanders~~ Margaret Sanders; applicant applies for the enrollment of Ruth Alberty, whose name is found upon the authenticated roll of

Margaret Sanders et al 2

1880 and the census roll of 1896; applicant avers that the reason why said Ruth Alberty is not present is that she person, is that she is non-competent to give testimony or transact any business. They are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently, Margaret Sanders and Ruth Alberty will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen;

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Applicant examined by Cherokee Rep've James S. Davenport:

- Q Did you ever know another Ruth Alberty that was a claimant before the Kerns-Clifton Commission? A No sir.  
Q This is the same one? A No sir.  
Q Is there another Margaret Buffington besides yourself?  
A No sir, just me; there's Buffington's, but my name is Margaret Buffington.  
Q Did you testify before the Kerns-Clifton Commission for either one of the Ruth Alberty's? A No sir; I am here straight.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D. Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 25, 1901.

*C. H. McKinstry*

Commissioner.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

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(17. Name of wife

Owners name

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Parents:

Father

Mother

Citizenship

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Names of Children:

28. Ruth Alberty

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Application made by

Margaret Sanders

Stenographer

M. D. Green

1 On 1880 poll as

Margaret Buffington

1 " 1896 " "

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Margaret Sanders, Tah.

2 " " "

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Rutha Alberty

2 " 1896 " "

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., October 30, 1903.

In the matter of the application of MARGARET SANDERS for the enrollment of herself and her ward, RUTH ALBERTY, as Cherokee freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

COLUMBUS LASLEY, being duly sworn and examined, by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Columbus Lasley.  
Q How old are you? A 54.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a Cherokee freedman and on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Margaret Sanders? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old is she? A Oh, I guess she must be 60 some odd.  
Q She gives her age at this time as about 52; do you know if that is right? A She's older than that.  
Q What's her postoffice address? A Melvin, I suppose.  
Q She got a woman living with her, named Alberty? A She did have; I suppose she's there still.  
Q Where is she now? A I suppose she's with Margaret; I don't know of her leaving her.  
Q How long have you known these people? A I've known Ruth ever since she was a child, since about '56 I guess.  
Q When did you first know Margaret Sanders? A I knew her in '62.  
Q She was a grown woman then? A That's why I judge she's more than 52, yes sir.  
Q Have these women lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you've known them? A Yes sir.  
Q Both living here now? A Yes sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case, and that the above is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 13th day of November, 1903.

Mabel F. Maxwell  
Samuel Foreman.

Notary Public.

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### ACTING CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Annie Vann for the enrollment of her nephew, FRANK THOMPSON, as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Annie Vann.  
Q How old are you? A 25.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah District.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll now? A Frank Thompson.  
Q How old is Frank Thompson? A 2 years old the 9th of February.  
Q What is Frank Thompson's father's name? A Simon Thompson.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Why don't ~~him~~ ~~himself~~ come to enroll his ~~nephew~~ child himself?  
A He is in Leavensworth, Kansas.  
Q What is the name of the child's mother? A Peggy Thompson.  
Q What was Peggy Thompson's mother's name? A Martha Vann.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her father's name? A Thomas Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No sir, dead.  
Q How old would Peggy Thompson be if she was alive? A 22.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 821 #2547 Peggy Vann, Tahlequah District, adopted col'd.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 1325 #551 Peggy Thompson, Tahlequah District.

- Q This child living? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The applicant applies for the enrollment of Frank Thompson, a minor child, 2 years of age; she avers that the mother of said Frank Thompson is Peggy Thompson, now deceased, and that her maiden name was Peggy Vann, and the name of Peggy Vannis found upon the authenticated roll of 1880; she is also found upon the census roll of 1896 as Peggy Thompson; said Peggy Thompson is duly identified as the mother of said minor child, Frank Thompson, 2 years of age; upon filing with this Commission satisfactory proof as to birth of said child, said Frank Thompson will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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M.D.Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*M.D.Green*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 25, 1901.

*W. H. Needles*  
Commissioner.

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MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

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*G. H. Gibson D.F.*

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1. Name

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Owner's name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

*Simon Thompson - living*

Citizenship

Mother

*Peggy " - dead*

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

*Anna Sam*

Stenographer

*M. D. Green*

*Affidavit of birth to be supplied.*

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Frank Thompson  
as a citizen of  
Cherokee

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Approved.

April 24th 1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN THE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Frank Thompson, born on the 9th day of Feb, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Simon Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Peggie Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Fork Gibson S.C.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Mother died on the 20th of this month, on oath state that I am  
years of age and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of \_\_\_\_\_, who is a citizen, by  
\_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation, that a \_\_\_\_\_ child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1899; that said child has been  
named \_\_\_\_\_, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 1900.

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## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern INDIAN TERRITORY,  
District.

I, Martha Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Peggie Thompson wife of Simon Thompson  
on the 9th day of Feb, 1899 that there was born to her on  
said date a Male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Frank Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24 day of April, 1900.

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Exhibit 12, and about 10 before me this 23rd day of May, 1908.

It is now the duty of the court to hear the testimony and direct the jury in the case, and first the testimony to the commission to the five charged times is completely recorded the undersigned, before which sworn, stated that he remembered

Q This child was always living in the nation? A Yes sir.

Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation? Have you? A

Q Who has the residence? A Yes sir, my wife is accustomed to

Q Has he been living with you and your wife since your mother

Q How long has he been living with you? A He has been living with

Q When did she die? A She died in 1881 I believe. She died

Q Is she living? A No sir.

Q What is his mother's name? A Her name is Rebecca Thompson.

Q Has he been living with you? A Yes sir.

Q How long has he been living with you? A Yes sir.

Q Where? A On Fort Smith, Arkansas, about five miles from the city

Q Is he living? A Yes sir.

Q Is he a free man? A Yes sir.

Q Who is the father of this child? A The father of the child

Q Is he related to you? A He is related to me by my mother's

Q What is your mother's name? A Yes sir.

Q How old are you? A About thirty-three years old.

Q What is your name? A Alexander Hunt.

Q Testified as follows:

Alexander Hunt, being duly sworn, did examine on the contents-

ment as a Cherokee citizen.

It is the matter of the subject of A. C. Hunt, Thompson for entry-

of the child, I. A. Hunt, 31, 1908.

Commissioner to the five charged times.

Department of the Interior.

Cherokee, W-210.

Cherokee F-646.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Tahlequah, I. T., May 31, 1903.

In the matter of the application of Frank Thompson for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

Alexander Vann, being duly sworn, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alexander Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About thirty-three years old.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Do you know Frank Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he related to you? A My marriage; he is my wife's nephew.  
Q Who is the father of this child? A The father of the child is Simon Thompson.  
Q Is he a freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q Where? A On Four Mile Branch, about five miles this side of Fort Gibson.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he always lived there? A Yes sir.  
Q What is his mother's name? A Peggie Thompson.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Is she the wife of Simon Thompson? A Yes sir.  
Q When did she die? A She died in '99, I believe. She died about three years ago.  
Q Who is this child, Thompson, living with? A Me and my wife.  
Q Has he been living with you and your wife ever since his mother died? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you his guardian? A Yes sir, my wife is appointed as guardian.  
Q You have always lived in the Cherokee Nation, have you? A Yes sir.  
Q This child has always lived in the nation? A Yes sir.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*R. G. Rothenberger*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of May, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Caleb Parris for the enrollment of himself as a Cherokee Freedman; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, he testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Caleb Parris.  
Q How old are you? A I don't know sir, how old I is, exactly.  
Q How old do you think you is? A I don't know sir, how old I is.  
Q Don't you know about how old you are? A No sir.  
Q Are you a hundred? A No sir.  
Q Are you 80? A I put it down on the pay roll I guess about my age.  
Q Are you 70? A Somewheres along there.  
Q What is your post-office? A Melvin.  
Q In what district do you live? A Tahlequah District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q ~~Have~~ Aint married? A No sir.  
Q Never been married? A Yes sir, I have been married.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 793 #1710 Caleb Pann Tahlequah Dist, colored.

- Q Did you enroll in 1896? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you draw your Strip money? A Yes sir, I drew every payment.  
Q Have you got any of it left? A No sir, I would like to have some now.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:

- Q Did you ever live in Illinois District? A No sir.  
Q Drew the money in Illinois district? A (No reply.)

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 175 #4289 Caleb Parris, Illinois District, 50 years old;

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Live here now? A Oh yes sir.  
Q Don't want to enroll anybody but yourself? A Just myself.

Com'r Needles: The name of Caleb Parris is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and upon the Kerns-Clifton roll; cannot be found upon the census roll of 1896; he id duly identified according to page and number of the roll and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, and he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 25, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.



MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date Apr 24, 1861  
 Post Office Melvin 29  
 District 7th

1. Name Calis Parris Age 56  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1860 Page 793 No. 1710 District Tahlequah

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
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Application made by M. L. Stenographer M. D. Green

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Caleb Parris

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Dec 5 1904

J. R. Beeson  
Commissioner.

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Caleb Parris  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
McLaurin  
(Here insert name of post office), Ind. Ter., and died on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of  
Dec, 1903

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Western District.

I, Anthony Paris, on oath state that I am 30  
 years of age and a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is McLaurin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office)  
a cousin of Caleb Parris  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Caleb Parris died on the 4 day of  
Dec, 1903  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Nov, 1904  
Am E 12/30/06 D M Butler  
 Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Western District.

I, Willie Brown, on oath state that I am 25  
 years of age, and a citizen, by ad/ste, of the Ch Nation;  
 that my post office address is McLaurin Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with Caleb Parris  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by ad/ste, of the Ch Nation;  
 and that said Caleb Parris died on the 4 day of  
Dec, 1904  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

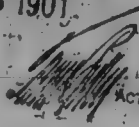
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19 day of Nov, 1904  
Am E 12/30/06 D M Butler  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Ft. Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Maggie Ross for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Maggie Ross.  
Q How old are you? A 22.  
Q What is your post-office address? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you ~~been~~ been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A One girl child.  
Q What is its name? A Maloy Thompson.  
Q How old? A Three years old.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Ever been married? A No sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A Henry Ross.  
Q Is he living? A Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Polly Ross.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation  
examined and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 571 #1488 Maggie Ross, Illinois District, adopted colored;

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined  
and applicant identified thereon as follows:  
page 960 #480 Maggie Ross, Illinois District.

- Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q This child alive and living with you at this time? A Yes sir.  
Q You were born and raised in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Com'r Needles: The name of Maggie Ross is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; she applies for the enrollment of herself and one child, Maloy Thompson, three years old, whose name does not appear upon the census roll of 1896; but she presents satisfactory proof of birth as to said child; they are both duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Maggie Ross and her child Maloy Thompson will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this April 25, 1901.

*M.D. Green*  
*W. H. Harrison*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 24 1901

Post Office

Gt. Britain S.F.

District

Ill

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Name of wife

Maggie Ross

Age

22

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

1488

District

Illinois

Parents:

Father

Henry Ross - living

Citizenship

Mother

Polly

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Maloy Thompson

Year

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No.

Dist.

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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

M. D. Green

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Walter J. Brown*

as a citizen of the

Nation.

Approved,

*[Signature]*

1902

Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
A. J. CHAMBERLAIN



# DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
 of Maggie Ross, born on the 16th day of January, 1898.  
 (Here insert name of child.)  
 Name of Father: Lori Thompson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Name of Mother: Maggie Ross, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
 Post-office, Fort Gibson, Okla.

### AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Maggie Ross, on oath state that I am 27  
 years of age and a citizen, by Marriage, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that I am the lawful wife of Lori Thompson, who is a citizen, by  
birth, of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
 (male or female)  
 born to me on the 16th day of January, 1898; that said child has been  
 named Maggie Ross, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of May, 1902.

My Commission expires Oct. 23, 1905.

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### AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
 INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northwestern District.

I, Polly Ross, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
 attended on Mrs. Maggie Ross, wife of Lori Thompson,  
 on the 16th day of January, 1898; that there was born to her on  
 said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
 (male or female)  
 named Maggie Thompson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
 Witnesses.)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of June, 1902.

My Commission expires Oct. 23, 1905.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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and Mary Vann, and a certificate of marriage certifying that the said Randen Campbell and Mary Vann were married on the 23rd of November, 1889, said certificate and marriage license recorded as provided by law on the 15th of September, 1899, by William McGarry, Clerk Choctaw County district.

Q Who married you? A A preacher by the name of Cooper, or John Balbridge, he has got four or five names.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir, his name is on there.

Q This certificate isn't signed by him? A Yes, sir, it is.

Q He didn't sign his name to the certificate; you will have to

take this back to him and have him sign it. A I took it to Mr. Keyes and he told me it ought to be signed by him, and I thought his

name there was sufficient. The certificate being imperfect and not having

been signed by the minister, is recalled by the applicant for the purpose of having the certificate duly signed as required by law.

Q Have you always lived in the Choctaw Nation since your

marriage? A Yes, sir.

Q Mary Vann has always lived in the Choctaw Nation? A Yes, sir,

never been out; she was out I believe a little while.

Commissioner Needles: The applicant applies for the en-

rollment of himself and his wife, Mary Vann, availing that in

the year 1889 he was married to one Mary Vann, a Choctaw

freeman, and the name of Mary Vann is found upon the

authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1880

as Mary Campbell. She is duly identified and makes satis-

factory proof of residence, consequently Mary Campbell will

be listed for enrollment as a Choctaw freeman.

Randen Campbell applies for enrollment as a Choctaw

freeman by virtue of having married Mary Campbell, he availing

that he is not a Choctaw freeman himself, but was a citizen

of the state. His name is not found upon any of the rolls of

the Choctaw Nation, but by reason of his marriage and his

claim for citizenship as an intermarried citizen, his name will

be placed upon a doubtful card as an intermarried Choctaw

freeman, for the consideration of the Commission.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

'Straight Freedman as to Mary Campbell.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Reuben Campbell for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee Freedmen.

Reuben Campbell, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Reuben Campbell.
- Q How old are you? A 63.
- Q What is your post office address? A Chouteau.
- Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A No, sir.
- Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A An adopted.
- Q Is that what you apply to be enrolled as, an adopted Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife, and she has got some children but I don't know whether I can apply to enroll them or not, she isn't able to come and can't come on account of being sick, and she has got a daughter that is 22 years old confined to bed with three children.
- Q Well that daughter will be able to meet us sometime? A Well she couldn't come here.
- Q What is your wife's name? A Mary.
- Q How old is she? A Between 45 and 46.
- Q When were you married to her? A In 1889.
- Q What was her father's name? A I don't know her father.
- Q What was her mother's name? A Fannie Lowery.
- Q Is her mother living? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was your wife's name before you married her, Mary Lowery? A No, sir, Mary Vann.
- Q She had been married before she married you, had she? A Yes, sir.
- Q What was her first husband's name? A Dave Vann.
- Q Is he living? A No, sir.
- Q Was he ever married before you married Mary Vann? A Yes, sir.
- Q Was your wife living at the time you married Mary Vann? A No, sir.
- Q Your former wife was dead and her former husband was dead when you married? A Yes, sir.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicant, Mary Campbell, identified thereon, page 195, No. 5115, Cooweescoowee district, as Mary Vann.
- Reuben Campbell not on said roll.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Mary Campbell identified thereon, page 398, No. 98, Cooweescoowee district, Mary Campbell.
- Reuben Campbell not on said roll.
- Q Where were you born? A In Alabama.
- Q You don't claim to be a Cherokee Freedman then, do you? A No, sir.
- Q You claim no rights as a slave, you claim your rights as having been married to Mary Vann? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you any certificate of your marriage? A I think so. (exhibits paper.)
- Q Have you lived with Mary Vann continuously since you married her? A I think I have.
- Q Well, do you know you have? A I know I have.
- Q Are you living with her at this time? A Yes, sir.
- Commissioner: The applicant presents a marriage license issued by the authorities of the Cherokee Nation on the 11th of November, 1889, authorizing marriage between Reuben Campbell

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and Mary Vann, and a certificate of marriage certifying that the said Reuben Campbell and Mary Vann were married on the 23rd of November, 1889, said certificate and marriage license recorded as provided by law on the 11th of September, 1899, by William McGary, Clerk Goowesscoewee district.

Q Who married you? A A preacher by the name of Gooser, or John Baldrige, he has got four or five names.

Q Is he living? A Yes, sir, his name is on there.

Q This certificate isn't signed by him? A Yes, sir, it is.

Q He didn't sign his name to the certificate; you will have to take this back to him and have him sign it. A I took it to Mr. Keyes and he told me it ought to be signed by him, and I thought his name there was sufficient.

Commissioner. The certificate being imperfect and not having been signed by the minister, is recalled by the applicant for the purpose of having the certificate duly signed as required by law.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since your marriage? A Yes, sir.

Q Mary Vann has always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, never been out; she was out I believe a little while.

Commissioner Needles: The applicant applies for the enrollment of himself and his wife, Mary Vann, averring that in the year 1889 he was married to one Mary Vann, a Cherokee Freedman, and the name of Mary Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896 as Mary Campbell. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Mary Campbell will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Reuben Campbell applies for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman by virtue of having married Mary Campbell, he averring that he is not a Cherokee Freedman himself, but was a citizen of the states. His name is not found upon any of the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, but by reason of his marriage and his claim for citizenship as an intermarried citizen, his name will be placed upon a doubtful card as an intermarried Cherokee Freedman, for the consideration of the Commission,

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

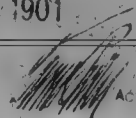
Bruce C. Jones  
Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Post Office

District

April 24 1901

Chouteau St.

Cov

1. Name

Ruben Campbell

Age

63

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Mary Campbell

Age

40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1870

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No.

315

District

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Fannie Lury

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Ruben Campbell

Stenographer

B. B. Jones

2 in 1880 roll as Mary Camm

2 in 1896 " Page 399 498 - Cov

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Deposition of Henry Keys  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes  
April 24, 1901

In the matter of the application of Henry Keys for enrollment  
as a Cherokee Freedman.  
Louis Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner  
Needles, testified as follows:

Louis Drew applies for the enrollment of her son,  
Henry Keys.

Q Now you want to apply for the enrollment of a son in the  
Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is his name? A Henry Keys, is his name, but it is on  
the roll Keys.

Q How old is he? A He is about 24 or 25 years old.  
Q What is his post office? A His post office is here, Fort  
Tipton, he was in the Cherokee Nation all the time.  
Q You apply to have him enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why can't he be enrolled? A He is not here, he is at Fort  
Leavenworth, Kan.

Q Because he is at the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth? A Yes.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined  
and the name of Henry Keys found thereon, page 548, No. 932,  
Illinois district.

The census roll of 1888 examined and the name of Henry  
Keys not found thereon.  
The Kears-Giffon roll examined, and the name of Henry Keys  
found thereon, page 59, No. 1485, Illinois district.

Q Is he your son? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say his name is Rogers? A Yes, sir.  
Q Does he call himself Rogers? A He calls himself Keys.  
Q How does his name happen to be Rogers? A His father was  
named Rogers.

Q You were not married to him? A No, sir.  
Q Has Henry Keys always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Lived in the Cherokee Nation now only when he is in the Nation?

Q He never left the Cherokee Nation with you? A No, sir, he  
never left with me.  
Q Was he born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is he married? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Henry Keys is found  
upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kears-Giffon roll.  
His name is not found on the census roll of 1888. He is only  
identified and satisfactory proof is made as to his residence,  
and as to the reason why he is not here in person, being now  
incarcerated in the jail at Fort Leavenworth. He will now be  
listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Prize G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to  
the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly reported the  
proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a  
true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 24th day of April, 1901.

Commissioner.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Keys for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Louisa Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Louisa Drew applies for the enrollment of her son, Henry Keys.

Q Now you want to apply for the enrollment of a son in the penitentiary? A Yes, sir.

Q What is his name? A Henry Rogers, is his name, but it is on the roll Keys.

Q How old is he? A He is about 24 or 25 years old.

Q What is his post office? A His post office is here, Fort Gibson, he was in the Cherokee Nation all the time.

Q You apply to have him enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.

Q Why isn't he here in person? A He is not here, he is at Fort Leavenworth jail.

Q Because he is in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth? A Yes.

The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the name of Henry Keys found thereon, page 546, No. 993, Illinois district.

The census roll of 1896 examined and the name of Henry Keys not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll examined, and the name of Henry Keys found thereon, page 59, No. 1495, Illinois district.

Q Is he your son? A Yes, sir, that is my oldest child.

Q You say his name is Rogers? A Yes, sir.

Q Does he call himself Rogers? A He calls himself Keys.

Q How does his name happen to be Rogers? A His father was named Rogers.

Q You weren't married to him? A No, sir.

Q Has Henry Keys always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Lived in the Cherokee Nation now only when he is in the penitentiary? A Yes, sir.

Q He never left the Cherokee Nation with you? A No, sir, he never left with me.

Q Was he born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

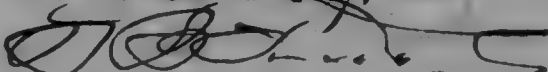
Q Is he married? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Henry Keys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 and the Kerns-Clifton roll. His name is not found on the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and satisfactory proof is made as to his residence, and as to the reason why he isn't here in person, being now incarcerated in the jail at Fort Leavenworth. He will now be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ATTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

Apr. 24, 1901

Post Office

H. L. Lammuth River

District

1. Name

Henry Keys

Age

24

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page

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No.

993

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Louisa Crew (mother)

Stenographer

B. E. Jones

1. On 1880 roll as

Henry Keys

1. " 1886 " "

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K.C.

Acting Chairman

Very respectfully,

of Henry Keys as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

has been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for the enrollment

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application  
as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

It application has been made for the enrollment of said Henry Keys  
Keys' as a freedman of the Cherokee Nation. You are to be advised

the application of Louisa Drew for the enrollment of her son, Henry  
Both affidavits enclosing copies of testimony taken in the matter of

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the

Gentlemen:

Muskogee Indian Territory.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Cherokee Freedman No. 620.

Muskogee Indian Territory, August 3, 1901.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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COMMISSIONERS:  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1901.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Cherokee Freedmen No. 650.

Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the 29th ultimo enclosing copies of testimony taken in the matter of the application of Louisa Drew for the enrollment of her son, Henry Keys, as a freedman of the Cherokee Nation. You ask to be advised if application has been made for the enrollment of said Henry Keys as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application has been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for the enrollment of Henry Keys as a citizen of the Creek Nation.

Very respectfully,

*Tamm Bixby*  
Acting Chairman  
*aka*

R.B.B.

Cherokee F-650  
Cherokee F-651  
Cherokee F-652

Vinita, Indian Territory, February 7, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

As directed in the Commission's letter of February 3, the original jacket and record in the application of Ellen Keys, et al., Cherokee Freedman 652, is transmitted herewith. It is stated that the record in this case is desired in order that same may be consolidated with the application of Louisa Drew for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, Ellen Keys being the daughter of Louisa Drew.

In this connection attention is also called to the fact that Henry Keys, the son of Louis Drew, is listed on Cherokee card No. 650.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

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FOR ENROLLMENT AS  
CHEROKEE FREEDMEN

REFUSED as to 2 to 7 in  
GRANTED as to 1 & 8

ACTION APPROVED BY SECRETARY OF INTERIOR:  
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- A. Original testimony. Apr. 24. 01
- B. Mem. of application. Apr. 24. 01
- C. Testimony from Creek En-  
rollment Division
- D. Birth certificate. Dr. Mitt Drew.

Now 2 to 7 in this  
case transferred to  
Cherokee Freedman  
jacket R 228

See Cherokee Freedman  
jacket 650, 652, 653

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, IND. TER. FEBRUARY 25th, 1901.

In the Matter of the application of Eliza Drew for the enrollment of her minor children, Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation.

ELIZA DREW, being duly sworn testified as follows:

(Examination by the Commission)

- Q As a citizen of what Nation are you making application for the enrollment of your minor children? A Creek Nation.
- Q What is your name? A Eliza Drew.
- Q What is your age? A 43.
- Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee.
- Q Have these children for whom you now make application ever been recognized by the tribal authorities of the Creek Nation as citizens of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Have they ever been enrolled by the Creek tribal authorities as citizens of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Do their names appear upon the tribal rolls of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Where do these children live? A They live over here across the Arkansas River.
- Q Who do they live with? A Live with me.
- Q How long have you and these children lived at that place? A Fourteen years as well as I remember.
- Q What is the name of the father of these children? A Sam Drew
- Q He is the father of all of them? A Yes sir.
- Q Is he living? A No sir, he is dead.
- Q Is his name on any of the rolls of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir he is on the rolls.
- Q How did he become a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Adopted by the Creek Council.

Laws of the Muskogee Nation as compiled and codified by A.P. McKellop under the Act of October 15, 1892 examined and the name of Samuel Drew found to have been admitted to citizenship by the Creek Council.

- Q What town in the Creek Nation do these children belong to? A Arkansas Town.
- Q Please state the names and ages of these children for whom you now make application for enrollment? A Charley 17, Sammie is 14, Jessie is 12, Fred is 10, Savanna 8 and Odessa she is 5.
- Q How long have they lived in the Indian Territory? A In the Creek Nation?
- Q Yes sir? A For about 16 years.
- Q How long have they lived in the Territory? A All their lives
- Q Have they been outside the Territory in the last three years? A No sir.
- Q Do their names appear on the 1890 Authenticated roll of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Did he draw the \$29? A The father, yes sir.
- Q For himself? A For himself and four of the boys.

1890 Authenticated roll of the Creek Nation examined and the names of the applicants not found thereon.

#2. Eliza Drew.

Q Do their names appear on the 1895 Authenticated roll of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.

1895 Authenticated roll of the Creek Nation examined and the names of the applicants found thereon at numbers 1265, 1266, 1268, 1269 and 1271.

- Q When were you married to Sam Drew? A I don't know.  
Q Do you know what year it was? A No sir, I don't know.  
Q Under what law were you married? A Under the Arkansas law.  
Q Have you your marriage license and certificate which you now desire to present in evidence at this time to this Commission?  
A No sir, I hav'nt got them, the man that married us didn't have any license.  
Q Were you married by a minister? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you living at the time of your marriage? A Right over here where we are living now.  
Q Are you the mother of these children for whom you now make application for enrollment? A Yes sir, I am if I wasn't I wouldn't be doing this.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Creek Nation? A No sir.  
Q Of what Nation are you a citizen? A Cherokee.  
Q Does your name appear on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir, 1880 roll.  
Q Are all these children now living at home with you? A Yes sir they all live with me.  
Q Are your children enrolled in the Cherokee Nation? A You might find four of them on the roll.  
Q Did you draw money for them in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What money did you draw for them? A I drew the--- this last money \$15. The \$29 and \$14 here in the Creek Nation.  
Q For which of these children did you draw money in the Cherokee Nation? A Drew for Charley, Sammie, Fred and Jessie.  
Q Is there any additional statement that you desire to make at this time in regard to your application? A I don't----- I don't understand, I reckon not.  
Q Who is Johnny Drew? A Jessie is his main name, Jessie is the names I changed when he was a baby, I didn't like the name of John and changed it to Jessie.

The names of Johnny Drew and Samuel Drew appears on the 1890 roll at page 20.

- Q If it should be found that these children for whom you now make application have been recognized by the tribal authorities of both the Creek and Cherokee Nations, as citizens of which Nation do you now elect to have them enrolled and receive allotment of lands and distribution of moneys? A In the Creek Nation, cause I have got my home in the Creek Nation and want them to take it in the Creek Nation.  
Q Are you aware that the Act of June 28th, 1898 commonly known as the Curtis Bill, contains the following provisions:  
"The several tribes may by agreement determine the rights of persons, who for any reason may claim citizenship in two or more tribes, and to allotment of lands and distribution of moneys belonging to each tribe, but if no such agreement be made, then such claimant shall be entitled to such rights in one tribe only, and may elect in which tribe he will take such right?"  
A No sir.

#3. Eliza drew.

- Q Does the name of Sam Drew, the father of these applicants appear upon the Dunn Roll? A No sir, I don't think it does.  
Q When was he admitted by Council? A I don't know sir.

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CUFFY McINTOSH, being duly sworn testified as follows:

(Examination by the Commission).

- Q What is your name? A Cuffy McIntosh.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Muskegee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and received your allotment of land?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Are you acquainted with Sam Drew, the father of the applicants in this case? A Yes sir.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Creek Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q What town does he belong to? A Arkansas.  
Q Is his name on the Dunn Roll? A I think not.  
Q How did he become a citizen? A I think by adoption, adopted by Council.  
Q In what year was he adopted? A Can't remember the year.  
Q Were you a member of Council at the time he was adopted?  
A No sir.

(By Mr. McKellop), Attorney for the Creek Nation.

- Q Do you know that Sam Drew who was adopted by the Council is the same Sam Drew as the father of the applicants here, Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew? A Yes sir.

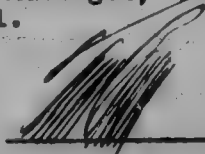
(By the Commission)

You will be furnished at a later date with a copy of the decision of the Commission with reference to the application made by you at this time for the enrollment of your minor children, as citizens of the Creek Nation, which will be mailed to you at your present post office address at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Lena Cummings having been first duly sworn, upon her oath, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she reported in full, all proceedings had in the above entitled cause on the 25th day of February, A.D., 1901, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes, of said proceedings on said date.

*Lena Cummings*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this 26 day of February, A.D., 1901.



Acting Chairman.

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| 15-64     | 61.5     | 60.8       |
| 65+       | 21.7     | 22.0       |

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Louisa Drew for the enrollment of herself and seven children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Louisa Drew, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Louisa Keys is my name.
- Q What is your age? A I guess I am something about 43 or 44.
- Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee.
- Q What district do you live in? A I am living in the Creek Nation now, but this is my district, Illinois.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Have you ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, on the 1880 roll.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A I want to enroll nine children; there is my daughter, she will enroll for herself.
- Q Give me the names of your children under 21 years of age?
- A Charlie, he is 18.
- Q What is the next one? A Samuel.
- Q How old is Samuel? A 14.
- Q The next one? A Jesse, he is 12.
- Q Is that a boy or a girl? A He is a boy.
- Q What is the next one? A Freddie.
- Q How old is he? A 10.
- Q The next one? A Savannah.
- Q How old is Savannah? A He is 8.
- Q What is the next one? A Odessa.
- Q How old is she? A 6.
- Q What is the next one? A Dewitt.
- Q How old is Dewitt? A He is 3.
- Q What is the next one? A I have a son, he is of age, he is at Fort Leavenworth, I will have to do his business for him.
- Q What was your father's name? A Eli ~~YNN~~ Keys.
- Q Are you married? A No, sir, my husband is dead.
- Q What was your husband's name? A His name was Sam Drew.
- Q Then is your name Drew? A Well I follow up my mother's name, she was Keys, so they will always know who I am.
- Q You will have to follow your husband's name. A He is a Drew and belongs to the Creek Nation and I belong to the Cherokee Nation.
- Q The children's father is named Drew? A Yes, sir, his name is Drew, but I am putting them as Keys.
- Q Well I am enrolling them as Drew. What is your husband's name?
- A His name was Sam.
- Q Is he living? A No, sir, he is dead.
- The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant Louisa Drew identified thereon, page 548, No. 992, Illinois district, as Louisa Keys.
- The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.
- Q Didn't you enroll in 1896? A Yes, sir, I have been enrolling here every time there was an enrollment here.
- Q Did you ever go by any other name besides Keys or Drew? A No, sir, I went by Keys all the time.
- Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes, sir, I drew that.
- The Kerna-Olifton roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:
- Louisa Drew on page 59, No. 1485, Illinois district, as Louisa Keys;
- Charlie Drew on page 59, No. 1486, Illinois district, as Charles Keys;



Louisa Drew - 2.

Samuel Drew on page 59, No. 1487, Illinois district, as Sam Keys;

Jesse Drew on page 59, No. 1488, Illinois district, as Jessie Keys;

Freddie Drew on page 59, No. 1489, Illinois district, as Frank Keys;

A Savannah isn't on there, because she wasn't a year old when we enrolled for that strip money.

Q You enrolled for the strip money only? A Yes, sir, I enrolled her here this last time I enrolled right here, and that Odessa wasn't a year old and they wasn't enrolling any babies under a year old.

Q That is the only time you have been enrolled? A No, sir, I have been enrolled ever since there has been an enrollment here.

Q These children all living here now? A Yes, sir, all nine of them I called are living.

Q Where do you live? A I live over here close to Muskogee in the Creek Nation.

Q In the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir, where my husband is at.

Q How long have you lived there? A I can't tell you how long I have lived there.

Q These children born over there? A The youngest ones was born there.

Q Then you have been living over there about 10 years or more.

A I don't know, sir, if I have been living more than that.

Q Were you married over there? A Yes, sir.

Q Married in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Then you have always lived in the Creek Nation since you were married? A Yes, sir.

Q Then you must have lived there over 20 years because you have got a child 20 years old. A That man isn't the father of this oldest one.

Q Who is the father of Charles Drew? A His name is Stephens; his father is dead.

Q Then that child's name isn't Drew? A Well I put them all down as Keys with me, and we all have one name.

Q Was Sam Drew the father of Samuel here? A Them five there.

Q Sam Drew was the father of five, you say? A Yes, sir.

Q Was Sam Drew the father of Jesse? A Yes, sir.

Q He isn't the father of Samuel? A Yes, sir, Samuel's father.

Q Well, then he must be the father of six of them; is Sam Drew the father of Charles? A No, sir, he isn't Charles' father.

Q Is he Samuel's father? A Yes, sir.

Q And Jesse and Frederick and Savannah and DeWitt? A Yes, sir.

Q Are you and Sam Drew living together now? A He is dead.

Q But since his death you have had DeWitt? A Yes, sir.

Q What is his name now, DeWitt Keyes? A His name is DeWitt Bailey, but they call him Keys by me.

Q You say these children are all living at this time? A Yes, sir.

Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation except what time you have lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir, I am always living in the Cherokee Nation.

Q I understand you haven't lived in the Cherokee Nation for the last twenty years? A Yes, sir, I expect it has been that long.

Q All these children were born in the Creek Nation? A No, sir, all wasn't born in the Creek Nation.

Q Well, where was Charles born? A Born right below here between the rivers.

Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q Were you living with Sam Drew then? A No, sir.

Q Where was Samuel born? A He was born over there between the rivers, he is his daddy, but I wasn't living with him.

Q Where was Jesse born? A Over on the other side.

Q Jesse was born in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.

Q And you have been living in the Creek Nation ever since?

Louisa Drew - 3.

Q And you have been living in the Creek Nation ever since?  
A Yes, sir.

Q And Jesse is 18 years of age? A Yes, sir.


Commissioner Needles: The name of Louisa Drew is found upon the authenticated roll of 1890 by her maiden name of Louisa Keys. She avers that she has since been married to one Sam Drew, now deceased. She avers that she had ~~before~~ before marriage to Sam Drew one child named Charles, 18 years old, whom she calls Charles Keys, and one child named Samuel, whom she calls Samuel Keys, and that she has besides Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew, Odessa Drew and Dewitt Drew. All of said children are living at this time. She is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Louisa Drew, nee Keys, and her children, Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Fred, Savannah, Odessa, and Dewitt, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Mr. L.D. Bell, attorney for Cherokee Nation: The Cherokee Nation will move in this case to contest it on the ground of having forfeited her residence by having lived in the ~~Cherokee~~ <sup>Creek</sup> Nation.

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Bruce G. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this the 25th of April, 1901.



Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 24, 1901

Post Office

Muskogee, Okla.

District

Cherokee Nation

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife

Louisa Drew.

Age 43

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

Page 546

No. 992

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Eli Keys - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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| 4. Jess      | Drew | Year | "    | Page | 59 | No. | 1488 | Dist. | "   | 12 |
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Application made by

Mr. 1

Stenographer

J. C. Sims

Curroll as Louisa Keys

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2. " " " " as Charles Keys.

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5. " " " " " Frank

6, 7, and 8. Affidavits of birth to be supplied

Tested by Cherokee Rep X REP-

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.**

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In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Louisa Drew, et al. as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applica-  
tions of

Louisa Drew, et al.,.....Cherokee Freedmen 651

Ellen Keys, et al.,.....Cherokee Freedmen 652

**D E C I S I O N .**

The record herein shows that applications for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen were made to this Commission: by Louisa Drew for herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah, Odessa and DeWitt Drew; and by Ellen Keys for herself and her minor child, Annanias Keys.

It appears from the records of this Commission that prior to her application herein, the said Louisa Drew, by the name of Eliza Drew, made application to this Commission for the enrollment of the said Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, under the following names, respectively, Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew as citizens of the Creek Nation; that in accordance with the Departmental decision, under date of November 22, 1902, in the matter of said application, the Commission enrolled the said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew as citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation.

Section 28 of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (Public--No.241.), provides as follows:

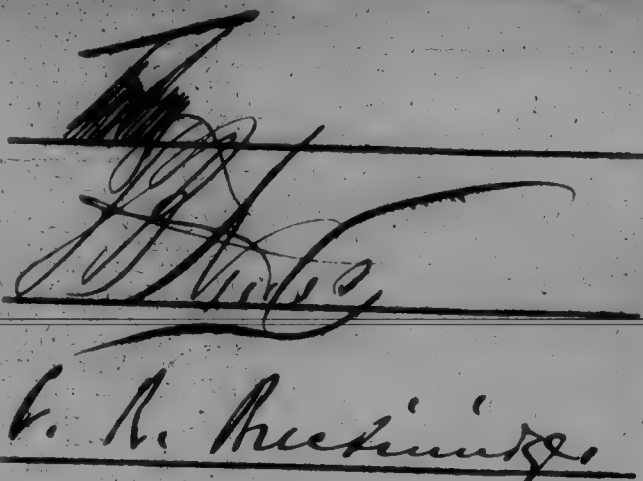
"No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation."

The evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 authenticated Cherokee roll, under her maiden name, Louisa Keys; and it is presumed from this enrollment that the Cherokee Nation recognized that she complied with the terms of the treaty of 1866. The said Ellen Keys and DeWitt Drew are the descendants of Louisa Drew, and derive their rights as Cherokee Freedmen through her.

The evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein. Ellen Keys, being a minor on June 28, 1898, is considered to have resided with her mother from her birth up to and including said date; and the residence of Annanias Keys, who was born since June 28, 1898, is considered to be the same as that of his mother.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Louisa Drew, together with her descendants, Ellen Keys, Annanias Keys and DeWitt Drew, who were born since 1866, should be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section twenty-one of the Act of Congress, approved June 20, 1906 (34 Stats., 495); and that the application for the enrollment of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew, and Odessa Drew as Cherokee Freedmen should be denied under the law above quoted, and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
G. R. Rueschmeyer.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this JUL 1 - 1903

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Tahlequah I. T. July 21, 1903.

Cherokee F. #. 651-2.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Louisa Drew et al  
as Cherokee Freedmen consolidating the cases of

Louisa Drew et al---C. F. #651

Ellen Kays et al Cherokee F--652.

Protest of the Cherokee Nation.

Comes now the Cherokee Nation and protests against the enrollment of  
the applicants in this case and prays an appeal to the Honorable Secretary  
of the Interior from the decision of the Commission rendered on  
July 1st 1903.

These two cases have heretofore been listed on straight Cherokee  
Freedmen cards by the Commission and all of the testimony in this case  
is not on file with the branch office of the Commission at Tahlequah I.T  
hence we can not review the testimony on file in the case but in as much  
as the record shows that one member of the Commission Ex-Gov W. E. Stanley  
has dissented from the majority finding of the Commission we think that  
the case should be appealed to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior  
for review.

The other relatives seem to have selected their allotments in the  
Creek nation and we do not believe that people can sleep on their rights  
until the rolls are closed in the Creek Nation and then betake themselves  
to another Nation and successfully make applications for enrollment.

Respectfully,

L. B. Bell

W. W. Hasbrough

J. D. Overholt

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation.

J. C. S.

COMMISSIONERS  
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TAMM DIXBY.  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES.  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH.  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Okmulgee, Indian Territory, March 15, 1901.

Col. T. B. Needles,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted to you herewith, for filing in the Cherokee Enrollment Division, four copies of the testimony in the matter of the application of Eliza Drew for the enrollment of her minor children, Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation.

The testimony discloses the fact that the mother of the above named applicants is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Yours very truly,



Acting Chairman.

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Muskogee, Indian Territory,

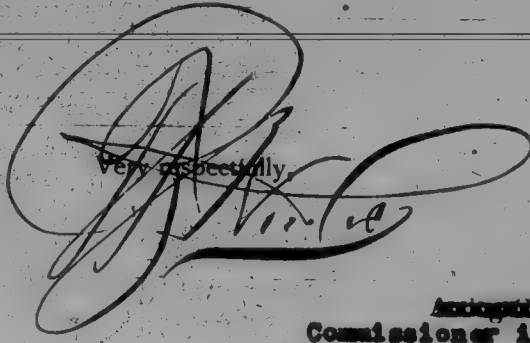
June 12, 1902.

To Mrs. Louisa Drew,

Muskogee, I.T.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of **Odessa Drew** Daughter of **Sam Drew** and **Louisa Drew** as a citizen of the **Cherokee** Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,



~~Respectfully,~~  
Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedman

#651.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 3, 1903.

Philip G. Reuter,

Clerk in Charge Cherokee Land Office,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

If the record in the case of Ellen Keys et al., Cherokee Freedman No. 652, is complete, you are requested to transmit the same to this office, in order that a decision may be prepared therein. It appears that Ellen Keys is a daughter of Louisa Drew, nee Keys, in whose case a decision is now being prepared, and it seems desirable to consolidate these two cases in one decision.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.



W.H.A.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Refer in reply  
to the following  
Creek Enrollment.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 19, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Gentlemen:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of February 14, 1903, asking if applications have ever been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for the enrollment of Louisa Drew (formerly Keys) and her minor child, DeWitt Drew, and Ellen Keys and her minor child, Annanias Keys (or Smith), as citizens of the Creek Nation, and if so, what disposition has been made thereof.

Replying thereto, you are advised that the records of the Commission show that no application has been made for the enrollment of Louisa Drew (formerly Keys), and her minor child, DeWitt Drew, and Ellen Keys and her minor child, Annanias Keys (or Smith), as citizens of the Creek Nation; that they have not been listed for enrollment as citizens of said nation, and that their names are not found on any of the authenticated tribal rolls of the Creek Nation now in the possession of the Commission.

Respectfully,

Tams Bixby

Acting Chairman.

Cherokee Freedmen  
#651 & 652.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 13, 1903.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated July 1, 1903, in the consolidated case of Louisa Drew, et al., granting the application for the enrollment of Louisa Drew, DeWitt Drew, Ellen Keys and Annanias Keys, and rejecting the application for the enrollment of Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee Freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from date hereof in which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the Commission in this case, a copy of which protest you will be required to serve upon the applicant. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed, this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. H-135.

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Cherokee F-651-2.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 28, 1903.

The Honorable

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is herewith transmitted the record of proceedings had in the consolidated case of Louisa Drew et al., including the Commission's decision dated July 1, 1903, rejecting said application as to Charles and Samuel Keys, Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, and granting said application as to Louisa and DeWitt Drew and Ellen and Annanias Keys as Cherokee freedmen.

You are advised that the Cherokee Nation protests against the action of the Commission in this case, a copy of which protest is enclosed.

Respectfully,

*J. B. Nease*

Commissioner in Charge.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Enc. D-136

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Cherokee Freedmen  
651

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 28, 1903.

Louisa Drew,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the record of proceedings had in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and your seven minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah, Odessa and DeWitt Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, together with a copy of the Commission's decision dated July 1, 1903, granting your application as to yourself and your minor child, DeWitt Drew, and rejecting your application as to your other children above named.

You are hereby advised that the Cherokee Nation protests against the action of the Commission in this case, a copy of which protest has been furnished you by the attorney for the Cherokee Nation.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary

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will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

*T. B. Needles.*

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. D-134

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Refer in reply to  
the following:  
LAND  
48547-1903.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs,

Washington, Jan'y 16, 1904.

( C O P Y )

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith for the consideration of the Department the record of the proceedings had before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in the matter of the application of Louisa Drew, for the enrollment of herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savanna, Odessa and De Witt Drew, and the application of Ellen Keys, for herself and her minor child, Ananias Keys; all as Cherokee freedmen.

On July 1, 1903, the Commission rendered a decision in this case, finding from the records of the Commission that prior to her application herein, the said Louisa Drew, by the name of Eliza Drew, made application for the admission of the said Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savanna and Odessa Drew, under the following names respectively-- Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation, and that in accordance with Departmental decision under date of November 22, 1902, in the matter of said application, the Commission enrolled the said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as

citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation. The Commission recites that part of Section 28 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which provides that "No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation." The Commission then finds from the evidence that the said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 authenticated Cherokee roll under her maiden name Louisa Keys, and that it is presumed from this enrollment that the Cherokee Nation recognized that she complied with the terms of the treaty of 1866; that the said Ellen Keys and De Witt Drew are the descendants of Louisa drew and derive their rights as Cherokee freedmen from her; that the evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein; and that Ellen Keys being a minor on June 28, 1898, is considered to have resided from her birth therein up to and including said date, and that the residence of Ananias Keys, who was born since June 28, 1898, is considered to be the same as that of his mother.

By reason of the foregoing facts and findings the Commission is of the opinion that Louisa Drew, together with her descendants, Ellen Keys, Ananias Keys and De Witt Drew, who were born since 1866, should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section 21, of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stats. 495), and that the application for the enrollment of the other parties named herein as Cherokee freedmen should be denied under the provis-

ions of Section 28, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, above quoted.

Attached to this record is a protest of the Cherokee Nation praying an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from said decision of the Commission, in which protest it is set out by the attorneys for the Nation that the two cases of Louisa Drew, et al., and Ellen Keys, et al., has heretofore been listed on straight Cherokee freedmen cards by the Commission and all of the testimony in the case is not on file with the branch office of the Commission at Tahlequah, I. T., and for that reason they cannot review the testimony on file in the case, but that inasmuch as the record shows that one member of the Commission, W. E. Stanley, has dissented from the majority finding of the Commission, the attorneys think that the case should be appealed. All the evidence of record as to Mr. Stanley's dissenting from the opinion of the Commission is a yellow slip of paper attached to the first page of the record, upon which is the following: "Findings not satisfactory. W.E.S." I presume this is the dissenting opinion that the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation refer to in their protest.

I have examined the testimony in this case and am of the opinion that the decision of the Commission is correct, and inasmuch as neither the attorneys for the Nation nor Commissioner Stanley set out any reasons for holding that these parties should not be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, I am unable to determine upon what grounds they have indicated that they are not satisfied with the



decision of the majority of the members of the Commission. I presume the objection to these parties is on the ground that Louisa Keys or Drew has for some years been a resident of the Creek Nation and has lost her citizenship by reason thereof in the Cherokee Nation, but I do not consider the fact that she has resided in the Creek Nation for several years affects her citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, for the reason that her name appears upon the 1880 authenticated roll of said Nation, and as she has always resided in the Indian Territory, I consider that she is still a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and entitled to enrollment as such. I therefore recommend that the decision of the Commission be affirmed by the Department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. Jones.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

J.P.

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Washington.

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January 25, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

July 28, 1903, you transmitted the record of proceedings had in the consolidated case involving the applications for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen of Louisa Drew for herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah, Odessa and DeWitt Drew; and of Ellen Keys for herself and her minor child, Annanias Keys.

It appears that prior to the application herein, the said Louisa Drew, under the name of Eliza Drew, made application to your Commission for the enrollment of said Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, under the following names, respectively: Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation; that in accordance with departmental decision of November 22, 1902, you enrolled said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation.

It further appears that said Louisa Drew is identified on

the 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee freedmen, under her maiden name, Louisa Keys; that Ellen Keys and DeWitt Drew are the descendants of Louisa Drew, and that Ellen Keys is also identified on the 1880 roll of Cherokee freedmen.

The evidence further shows that Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein, and that the said Ellen Keys has resided in the Creek Nation most all of her life. Annanias Keys is the son of Ellen Keys, and was born since June 28, 1898.

In your decision of July 1, 1903, you held that Louisa Drew, together with her descendants Ellen Keys, Annanias Keys, and DeWitt Drew, who were born since 1866, should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and that the application for the enrollment of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, should be denied, under the provisions of Section 28 of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), which provides that-

"No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation."

The Cherokee Nation protests against your decision, claiming that one member of the Commission, W. E. Stanley, has dissented from the majority finding of the Commission; also relying upon the fact that the other relatives selected their allotments in the Creek

Nation, and claiming that it does not believe

"That people can sleep on their rights until the rolls are closed in the Creek Nation and then betake themselves to another nation and successfully make applications for enrollment."

Reporting in the matter January 16, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs recommends that your decision be affirmed. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The Department finds nothing in the record to show that Commissioner Stanley dissented from the majority finding of the Commission, except a slip of paper attached to the record, upon which is written "Findings not satisfactory. W.E.S."

Inasmuch as said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 roll of Cherokee freedmen, and as her descendants Ellen Keys, Annanias Keys and DeWitt Drew were born since the Cherokee treaty of 1866, the Department is of the opinion that they should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen, and that under the provisions of Section 28 of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the application of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew, and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, should be denied. Your decision is therefore approved.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos Ryan

Acting Secretary.

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Cherokee Freedmen  
#651 & #652

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1904.

W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the Commission's decision, dated July 1, 1903, in the consolidated case of Louisa Drew et al., granting the applications for the enrollment of Louisa and DeWitt Drew and Ellen and Annanias Keys, and rejecting the application for the enrollment of Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew as Cherokee freedmen, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 25, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedmen  
#651.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1904.

Louisa Drew,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that the Commission's decision dated July 1, 1903, granting, among others, your application for the enrollment of yourself and your minor child, DeWitt Drew, and rejecting your application for the enrollment of your six minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 25, 1904.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

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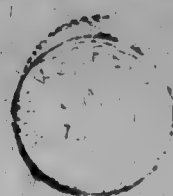
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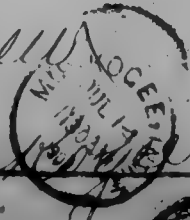
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Ellen Keys for the enrollment of herself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen.

Ellen Keys, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

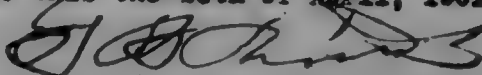
- Q What is your name? A Ellen Keys.  
Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee.  
Q Do you live in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old are you? A 32.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of the Creeks? A No, sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Me and my baby.  
Q What is your baby's name? A Annanias Smith, but put it down Keys.  
Q How old is Annanias? A He is a years old.  
The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the name of Ellen Keys found thereon, page 543, No. 994, Ill. dist.  
The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined and the applicants not identified thereon.  
Q Where were you born? A I was born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q How long have you lived in the Creek Nation? A I can't tell you just how long I have been over there.  
Q Been over there most of your life, haven't you? A I was quite small when I went over there.  
Q Where do you live, in Muskogee? A No, sir, I live out in the neighborhood over in the Creek Nation.  
Q Living with your mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q She is living on a farm out there that belongs to her husband? A Yes, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Ellen Keys is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880, but cannot be found upon the census roll of 1896. She is duly identified according to page and number of the roll, and makes satisfactory proof of residence. She avers that she has one child, Annanias, one year of age, whose name does not appear upon any roll, having been born after the rolls were compiled. She avers that said child was born in the Creek Nation, and that she has lived in the Creek Nation all her life, and is now living with her mother. She is duly identified, and will be listed with her child Annanias as Cherokee Freedmen, but in order to complete the enrollment of her child, Annanias, it will be necessary to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of the birth of said child.

Mr. J.S. Davenport: Comes now the representatives of the Cherokee Nation and protest against the enrollment of the applicant and her child upon the ground that upon her own statement she is shown to have resided in the Creek Nation since she was an infant.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 25th of April, 1901.

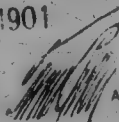


Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 24, 1901  
 Post Office Muskogee, La.  
 District Spok Nation

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Ellen Keys Age 22  
 Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1870 Page 546 No. 994 District Ill

Parents:  
 Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by Mo. 1 Stenographer Ble Jones

2 Aff. of birth to be supplied

Tested by John, Representative  
x Ref to Eliza Brewster et al,

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Louisa Drew, et al. as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applica-  
tions of

Louisa Drew, et al.,.....Cherokee Freedmen 651

Ellen Keys, et al.,.....Cherokee Freedmen 652

D E C I S I O N.

The record herein shows that applications for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen were made to this Commission: by Louisa Drew for herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah, Odessa and DeWitt Drew; and by Ellen Keys for herself and her minor child, Annanias Keys.

It appears from the records of this Commission that prior to her application herein, the said Louisa Drew, by the name of Eliza Drew, made application to this Commission for the enrollment of the said Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, under the following names, respectively, Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew as citizens of the Creek Nation; that in accordance with the Departmental decision, under date of November 22, 1902, in the matter of said application, the Commission enrolled the said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew as citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation.

Section 28 of the Act of Congress, approved July 1, 1902 (Public--No.241.), provides as follows:

"No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation."

The evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 authenticated Cherokee roll, under her maiden name, Louisa Keys; and it is presumed from this enrollment that the Cherokee Nation recognized that she complied with the terms of the treaty of 1866. The said Ellen Keys and DeWitt Drew are the descendants of Louisa Drew, and derive their rights as Cherokee Freedmen through her.

The evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein. Ellen Keys, being a minor on June 28, 1898, is considered to have resided with her mother from her birth up to and including said date; and the residence of Annanias Keys, who was born since June 28, 1898, is considered to be the same as that of his mother.

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It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Louisa Brow, together with her associates, Ellen Keys, Antonia Keys and Juliet Brow, who were born since 1860, should be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section twenty-one of the Act of Congress, approved June 20, 1896 (29 Stats., 495); and that the application for the enrollment of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Brow, Frederick Brow, Hannah Brow, and Oansen Brow as Cherokee Freedmen should be denied under the law above quoted, and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(SIGNED).

Tams Bixby.

(SIGNED).

T. B. Needles.

(SIGNED)

C. R. Breckinridges.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this JUL 1 - 1903

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 11th, 1901.

To L. Ellen Keys,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Armanias Keys, son

of Lewis Smith

and

Ellen Keys

as a citizen of the Cherokee

Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

*James B. Bly*  
Acting Chairman.  
*R*



Acting Chairman.

Very respectfully,

of these parties as citizens of the Creek Nation.

has been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for the enrollment

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application

went on the Cherokee Freedmen roll card, filed number 825.

well and child, Annasie Keys, who have been enlisted for enroll-

ment as freedmen of the Cherokee Nation of Elias Keys for per-

Such affidavits enclosing copies of testimony in re application for en-

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the  
Gentlemen:

Cherokee, I. T.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Cherokee Freedmen No. 825.

Cherokee, Indian Territory, August 3, 1901.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
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COMMISSIONERS  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM BIRBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1901.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Cherokee Freedmen No. 652.

Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the 29th ultimo enclosing copies of testimony in re application for enrollment as freedmen of the Cherokee Nation of Ellen Keys for herself and child, Annaias Keys, who have been enlisted for enrollment on the Cherokee Freedmen roll card, field number 652.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application has been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for the enrollment of these parties as citizens of the Creek Nation.

Very respectfully,

*Tamm Birby*  
Acting Chairman.

R.B.F.

Cherokee F-650  
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Vinita, Indian Territory, February 7, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

As directed in the Commission's letter of February 3, the original jacket and record in the application of Ellen Keys, et al., Cherokee Freedman 652, is transmitted herewith. It is stated that the record in this case is desired in order that same may be consolidated with the application of Louise Drew for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman, Ellen Keys being the daughter of Louise Drew.

In this connection attention is also called to the fact that Henry Keys, the son of Louise Drew, is listed on Cherokee card No. 650.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

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ORS

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 14, 1903.

Creek Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are directed to advise the Cherokee Enrollment Division whether application has ever been made to the Creek Enrollment Division for enrollment as citizens of the Creek Nation, by any of the following persons to-wit: Louisa Drew, (formerly Keys) her minor child, DeWitt Drew; Ellen Keys and her minor child, Annanias Keys (or Smith); and if so, as to what disposition has been made of such application or applications.

The said Louisa Drew and DeWitt Drew are listed, with others, for enrollment on Cherokee Freedmen roll card, field #651, and the said Ellen Keys and Annanias Keys have been listed for enrollment on Cherokee Freedmen roll card, field #652.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

Copy:  
Cherokee Freedmen  
#651 & 652.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 13, 1903.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for Cherokee Nation,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated July 1, 1903, in the consolidated case of Louisa Drew, et al., granting the application for the enrollment of Louisa Drew, DeWitt Drew, Ellen Keys and Annanias Keys, and rejecting the application for the enrollment of Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee Freedmen.

You are hereby advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from date hereof in which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the Commission in this case, a copy of which protest you will be required to serve upon the applicant. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed, this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. H-135.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee F-652

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, July 28, 1903.

Ellen Keys,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

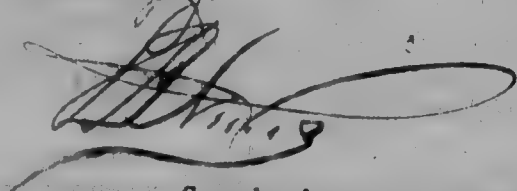
Dear Madam:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the record of proceedings had in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and minor child, Annanias Keys, as Cherokee freedmen, together with a copy of the Commission's decision dated July 1, 1903, granting your said application.

You are hereby advised that the Cherokee Nation protests against the action of the Commission in this case, a copy of which protest has been furnished you by the attorney for the Cherokee Nation.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as the Commission is informed of the same.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. D-135

Register.

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Refer in reply to  
the following:  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs,

Washington, Jan'y 16, 1904.

( C O P Y )

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith for the consideration of the Department the record of the proceedings had before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, in the matter of the application of Louisa Drew, for the enrollment of herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savanna, Odessa and De Witt Drew, and the application of Ellen Keys, for herself and her minor child, Ananias Keys; all as Cherokee freedmen.

On July 1, 1903, the Commission rendered a decision in this case, finding from the records of the Commission that prior to her application herein, the said Louisa Drew, by the name of Eliza Drew, made application for the admission of the said Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savanna and Odessa Drew, under the following names respectively-- Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation, and that in accordance with Departmental decision under date of November 22, 1902, in the matter of said application, the Commission enrolled the said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as

citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation. The Commission recites that part of Section 28 of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, which provides that "No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation." The Commission then finds from the evidence that the said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 authenticated Cherokee roll under her maiden name Louisa Keys, and that it is presumed from this enrollment that the Cherokee Nation recognized that she complied with the terms of the treaty of 1866; that the said Ellen Keys and De Witt Drew are the descendants of Louisa Drew and derive their rights as Cherokee freedmen from her; that the evidence further shows that the said Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein; and that Ellen Keys being a minor on June 28, 1898, is considered to have resided from her birth therein up to and including said date, and that the residence of Ananias Keys, who was born since June 28, 1898, is considered to be the same as that of his mother.

By reason of the foregoing facts and findings the Commission is of the opinion that Louisa Drew, together with her descendants, Ellen Keys, Ananias Keys and De Witt Drew, who were born since 1866, should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section 21, of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898, (30 Stats. 495), and that the application for the enrollment of the other parties named herein as Cherokee freedmen should be denied under the provis-

ions of Section 28, of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, above quoted.

Attached to this record is a protest of the Cherokee Nation praying an appeal to the Secretary of the Interior from said decision of the Commission, in which protest it is set out by the attorneys for the Nation that the two cases of Louisa Drew, et al., and Ellen Keys, et al., has heretofore been listed on straight Cherokee freedmen cards by the Commission and all of the testimony in the case is not on file with the branch office of the Commission at Tahlequah, I. T., and for that reason they cannot review the testimony on file in the case, but that inasmuch as the record shows that one member of the Commission, W. E. Stanley, has dissented from the majority finding of the Commission, the attorneys think that the case should be appealed. All the evidence of record as to Mr. Stanley's dissenting from the opinion of the Commission is a yellow slip of paper attached to the first page of the record, upon which is the following: "Findings not satisfactory. W.E.S." I presume this is the dissenting opinion that the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation refer to in their protest.

I have examined the testimony in this case and am of the opinion that the decision of the Commission is correct, and inasmuch as neither the attorneys for the Nation nor Commissioner Stanley set out any reasons for holding that these parties should not be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, I am unable to determine upon what grounds they have indicated that they are not satisfied with the



decision of the majority of the members of the Commission. I presume the objection to these parties is on the ground that Louisa Keys or Drew has for some years been a resident of the Creek Nation and has lost her citizenship by reason thereof in the Cherokee Nation, but I do not consider the fact that she has resided in the Creek Nation for several years affects her citizenship in the Cherokee Nation, for the reason that her name appears upon the 1880 authenticated roll of said Nation, and as she has always resided in the Indian Territory, I consider that she is still a citizen of the Cherokee Nation and entitled to enrollment as such. I therefore recommend that the decision of the Commission be affirmed by the Department.

Very respectfully,

(Signed) W. A. Jones.

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

J.P.

LRS.

Washington.

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January 25, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

July 28, 1903, you transmitted the record of proceedings had in the consolidated case involving the applications for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen of Louisa Drew for herself and her minor children, Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah, Odessa and DeWitt Drew; and of Ellen Keys for herself and her minor child, Annanias Keys.

It appears that prior to the application herein, the said Louisa Drew, under the name of Eliza Drew, made application to your Commission for the enrollment of said Charles and Samuel Keys, and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew, under the following names, respectively: Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens of the Creek Nation; that in accordance with departmental decision of November 22, 1902, you enrolled said applicants by the names of Charley, Sam, Jessie, Fred, Savanna and Odessa Drew, as citizens by adoption of the Creek Nation.

It further appears that said Louisa Drew is identified on

the 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee freedmen, under her maiden name, Louisa Keys; that Ellen Keys and DeWitt Drew are the descendants of Louisa Drew, and that Ellen Keys is also identified on the 1880 roll of Cherokee freedmen.

The evidence further shows that Louisa Drew has resided in the Creek Nation for more than twelve years immediately preceding the date of her application herein, and that the said Ellen Keys has resided in the Creek Nation most all of her life. Annanias Keys is the son of Ellen Keys, and was born since June 28, 1898.

In your decision of July 1, 1903, you held that Louisa Drew, together with her descendants Ellen Keys, Annanias Keys, and DeWitt Drew, who were born since 1866, should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen in accordance with the provisions of Section 21 of the act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and that the application for the enrollment of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, should be denied, under the provisions of Section 28 of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), which provides that-

"No person whose name appears upon the roll made by the Dawes Commission as a citizen or freedman of any other tribe shall be enrolled as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation."

The Cherokee Nation protests against your decision, claiming that one member of the Commission, W. E. Stanley, has dissented from the majority finding of the Commission; also relying upon the fact that the other relatives selected their allotments in the Creek

Nation, and claiming that it does not believe

"That people can sleep on their rights until the rolls are closed in the Creek Nation and then betake themselves to another nation and successfully make applications for enrollment."

Reporting in the matter January 16, 1904, the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs recommends that your decision be affirmed. A copy of his letter is inclosed.

The Department finds nothing in the record to show that Commissioner Stanley dissented from the majority finding of the Commission, except a slip of paper attached to the record, upon which is written "Findings not satisfactory. W.E.S."

Inasmuch as said Louisa Drew is identified on the 1880 roll of Cherokee freedmen, and as her descendants Ellen Keys, Annanias Keys and DeWitt Drew were born since the Cherokee treaty of 1866, the Department is of the opinion that they should be enrolled as Cherokee freedmen, and that under the provisions of Section 28 of the act of Congress approved July 1, 1902, the application of Charles Keys, Samuel Keys, Jesse Drew, Frederick Drew, Savannah Drew, and Odessa Drew, as Cherokee freedmen, should be denied. Your decision is therefore approved.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Thos Ryan

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Acting Secretary.

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COMMISSIONERS

TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. B. BRECKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Cherokee Freedmen  
#682

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1904.


Ellen Keys,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

You are hereby advised that the Commission's decision, dated July 1, 1903, granting, among others, your application for the enrollment of yourself and your minor child, Annanias Keys, as Cherokee freedmen, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 25, 1904.

Respectfully,



Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedman  
#651 & #654

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 4, 1904.

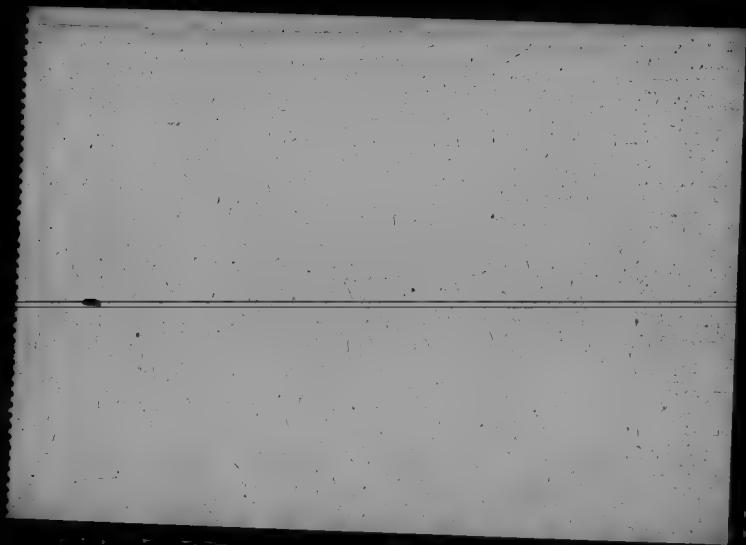
W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that the Commission's decision, dated July 1, 1903, in the consolidated case of Louisa Drew et al., granting the applications for the enrollment of Louisa and DeWitt Drew and Ellen and Annanias Keys, and rejecting the application for the enrollment of Charles and Samuel Keys and Jesse, Frederick, Savannah and Odessa Drew as Cherokee freedmen, was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior on January 25, 1904.

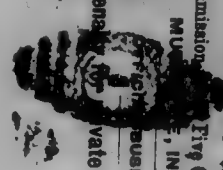
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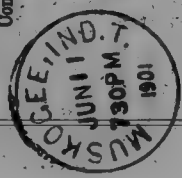
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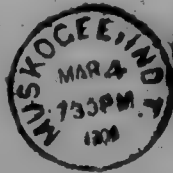


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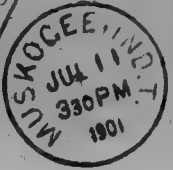
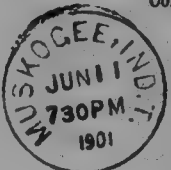
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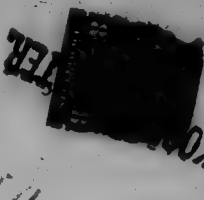
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Muskogee, Indian Territory.



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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I.T., April 24, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mary Barnett for the enrollment of herself and six children as Cherokee Freedmen.

Mary Barnett, being duly sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Mary Barnett.
- Q How old are you? A I am 30.
- Q What is your post office address? A Muskogee.
- Q Do you live in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A No, sir, never did.
- Q You have been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.
- Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and six children.
- Q What are the names of your children? A John Hicks.
- Q How old is he? A He is 14 years old.
- Q The name of the next child? A Jos Barnett.
- Q How old is he? A He is 10.
- Q Well, the name of the next one? A Monday Barnett.
- Q How old is Monday? A He is 9.
- Q The next one? A Susie Barnett.
- Q How old is Susan? A She is 4.
- Q Go on? A Leroy Barnett.
- Q How old is he? A He is 4, he is twins.
- Q The next one? A Emma.
- Q How old is Emma? A She is 3.
- Q Are you married? A Yes, sir.
- Q What is your husband's name? A Ketch Barnett.
- Q Is he a Cherokee citizen? A No, sir, a Creek.
- Q Where were all these children born? A They were born in the Creek Nation but one; two, and one died.
- Q You married in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q How long since you ~~married~~ in the Creek Nation? A Well, I don't know sir exactly how long it has been since I have been living in the Creek Nation.
- Q Your husband is a Creek citizen? A Yes, sir.
- Q Y u are living with him in the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q How far from Muskogee? A Some call it 8 miles from Muskogee.
- Q How old was you when you went to the Creek Nation? A I don't know, sir, how old I was, I was a good smart girl.
- Q John Hicks is 14 years of age, is he? A Yes, sir.
- Q Was he born in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.
- Q Before you went to the Creek Nation? A Yes, sir, I had three born in the ~~Cherokee~~ Cherokee Nation and two died.
- Q Older than John or younger? A Younger than John.
- Q The 1880 authenticated roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicant identified thereon, page 546, No. 895, Illinois district.
- Q The 1896 census roll of Cherokee Freedmen examined, and the applicants not identified thereon.
- Q Did you draw strip money for these children? A I drew for three; three isn't on the roll anywhere, the three little ones.
- Q The Kerns-Glifton roll examined, and the applicants identified thereon as follows:
- Q John on page 59, No. 1491, Illinois district, as John Keys;
- Q This child's right name is John Keys? A Yes, sir, if he follows me.
- Joe Barnett on page 59, No. 1492, Illinois district;
- Monday Barnett on page 59, No. 1493, Illinois district, as Monday Keys.

Mary Barnett - 8.

- Q Is Ketch Barnett the father of Joe and Monday? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children all living with you at this time? A Yes, sir, they are all right with me.  
Q Have you always lived in the Indian Territory? A Yes, sir.  
Q Never lived anywhere but the Cherokee Nation and the Creek Nation? A No, sir.

Commissioner Needles: The name of Mary Barnett is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 by her maiden name of Mary Keys. She avers that she is now married to one Ketch Barnett and that her present name is Mary Barnett. She avers that she has six children, to-wit, John Keys, Joseph Barnett, Monday Barnett, Susan Barnett, ~~Lucy~~ Mary Barnett, and Emma Barnett. They are all living at this time. The name of her three older children, John Keys, and Joseph and Monday Barnett, are found upon the Kers-Clifton roll and are duly identified. The names of her three youngest children are not found upon the rolls, consequently it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission satisfactory proof of their birth before they can be enrolled. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof of residence, consequently Mary Barnett and her children as enumerated herein will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

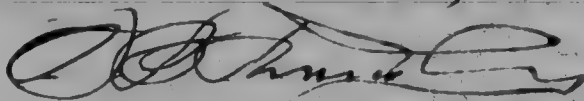
And now comes the Cherokee Nation, by its attorney, Mr. Davenport, and protests against the enrollment of said Mary Barnett, and her children, by reason of her continued residence in the Creek Nation as specified in the testimony.

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Bruce C. Jones, being duly sworn, says that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the proceedings and testimony in the above case, and the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Bruce C. Jones

Sworn to and subscribed before me this April 25, 1901.



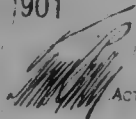
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

April 24, 1901

Post Office

Muskogee, Okla.

District

Chick Nation

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

12. Name of wife

Mary Barnett

Age

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Owners name

Citizenship

Year

1880

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No.

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Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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John Keys

Year

1886

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Joseph Barnett

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Application made by

M. J.

Stenographer

R. C. Jones

1. On the roll as Mary Keys

3. On the roll as Joe Keys

4. " " " " Monday "

5, 6, and 7, affidavits to be supplied

Tested by Chas. Representative

X Ref to Ciza Drew, and John Smith,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, Ind. Ter., August 30, 1902

In the matter of the application of Ketch Barnett for the enrollment of his five minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen.

Appearances: Frank Scruggs, attorney for applicant.

Ketch Barnett, being first duly sworn, testified as follows;:

By the Commission:

- Q What is your full name? A. Ketch Barnett  
Q What is your age? A. They got it there ( pointing to the card )  
twenty-eight.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Muskogee.  
Q Are you a citizen of the Creek Nation? A. Yes, sir  
Q Have you been enrolled by the Commission as a citizen of the  
Creek Nation? A. Yes, sir.

The records of the Commission examined and it appears  
~~therefrom~~ that Ketch Barnett is listed for enrollment  
as a citizen of the Creek Nation on Creek freedman card,  
Field No. 607.

- Q To what town in the Creek Nation do you belong? A. Arkansas  
Q For whom do you make a application for enrollment? A. For my  
five minor children.  
Q What are the names and ages of your five minor children?  
A. Joe is 10 years old, Monday is 9, Leroy and Susie 5, Emma 4  
Q Are these five children for whom you now make application all  
living? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Do you make application for their enrollment as Creek freedmen?  
A. Yes, sir  
Q Are you the father of these five children? A. Yes, sir  
Q Have said five minor children ever been recognized by the  
tribal authorities of the Creek Nation as citizens of the Creek  
Nation? A. No, sir; never was that I know of; I did have them  
the boys, or two oldest ones, put on, but I can't find them there  
Q Have your said five minor children ever been enrolled by the  
Creek tribal authorities as citizens of the Creek Nation?  
A. I don't know.  
Q Do their names appear upon the tribal rolls of the Creek Nation?  
A. I don't know.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from the Creek Nation for these  
children? A. Yes, sir; I drew some money.  
Q How many of them did you draw for? A. Just two, and myself,  
Joe and Monday.  
Q Did you ever have a daughter by the name of Annie? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever have any kin folks, or any member of your family  
by the name of Annie? A. My cousin's wife's name is Annie  
Barnett.  
Q Did you draw any money f r her from the Creek nation?  
A. I don't know, sir, I couldn't tell.

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The authenticated 1895 tribal roll of the Creek Nation, Arkansas town, examined and the name of Joe Barnett is found thereon, at No. 1545, together with his father, Ketch Barnett, at No. 1544.

The name of "Annie Barnett" also appears on said authenticated roll, at No. 1546, with the lead pencil notation above the name of Annie of the word "Mona".

- Q What is the name of the mother of the five minor children for whom you now make application? A. Mary Barnett.
- Q Is she now living? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Is she a citizen of the Creek Nation? A. No, sir, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Does she live with you? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Has she, and these five minor children for whom you now make application, ever been enrolled by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, as citizens of the Cherokee Nation? A. Not as I know of; I don't know; I couldn't tell.
- Q Did your wife ever draw for herself and these minor children, for whom you now make application, any money from the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Do their names appear upon the Cherokee rolls? A. Yes sir.
- Q Do you know whether or not the name of your wife appears upon the 1880 Cherokee roll? A. I don't know.
- Q Did she draw money for herself and her children from the Cherokee Nation in 1894? A. She did for herself and Joe and Monday.
- Q Do you know whether or not her name, and the name of any of your minor children appear upon the 1896 Cherokee roll? A. No sir; I don't know.
- Q Where do you live? A. I live over here in the Creek Nation, across the Arkansas.
- Q Do you make your residence there? A. Yes, sir.
- Q How long have you lived there? A. I couldn't tell; I have been there ever since I was a grown boy, on up to this age.
- Q Do your wife and children live with you there? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Has she lived with you ever since you were married? A. Yes sir.
- Q Then, as a matter of fact, you and your wife have lived in the Creek Nation all your lives? A. All their lives.
- Q Did your wife ever live in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Your wife, then, lived in the Cherokee Nation before you married her? A. Yes, sir.
- Q Did you secure a marriage license and certificate? A. No, sir we were married by a minister.
- Q When were you married? A. I couldn't tell you now; it has been so long.
- Q Well, have you been married ten years? A. Been married longer, than that.
- Q You have lived continuously with your wife during all your married life? A. Yes, sir.

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- Q Did you ever have another wife? A. No, sir.  
Q You never had a wife by the name of Annie? A. No, sir.  
Q Your wife makes no claim to citizenship in the Creek Nation? A. No sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A. His name is Paldo Grayson.  
Q He is dead, is he not? A. Yes, sir; he is dead.  
Q Was he a citizen of the Creek Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A. Winnie.  
Q Winnie what? A. Her first name was Winnie Lewis, and the name before she died was Winnie Adams.  
Q Was she a citizen of the Creek Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
Q To what town in the Creek Nation did your father and mother belong? A. Arkansas town.  
Q Do the names of either your father or mother appear upon the Dunn Roll? A. Yes, sir.

The roll of Creek freedmen made by Major J.W. Dunn prior to March 14, 1867, examined and the name of "Wine Lewis" is found thereon, at No. 920.

The name of Paldo Grayson could not be found thereon.

- Q Are there any other statements you desire to make at this time in regard to the application you now make for the enrollment of your said minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as citizens of the Creek Nation? A. I don't think of anything else

The records of the Commission examined and it appears therefrom that no previous application has been made for the enrollment of said minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as citizens of the Creek Nation.

Commission to applicant:

In the case of your three minor children, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, it will be necessary for you to furnish the Commission birth affidavits, made by the mother and midwife who was in attendance at the time of their birth, before any further action can be taken.

- Q If it should be found that your said minor children have heretofore been recognized by the tribal authorities of both the Creek and Cherokee Nations, as citizens of which nation do you now elect to have them enrolled and receive allotment of lands and distribution of moneys? A. I would rather have them in the Creek Nation.

You will be furnished at a later date with a copy of the decision of the Commission in the matter of the application made by you for the enrollment of your five minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma, as Creek freedmen, which will be mailed to you at your proper post office address, as given by you in your testimony taken at this time.

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Oliver C. Hinkle, being first duly sworn, upon his oath states

In re application of Ketch Barnett for the enrollment of his five minor children as Creek freedmen--#4

that as stenographer for the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes of said proceedings on said date.

(Signed)

OLIVER C. HINKLE

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of September, 1902, at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

(Signed)

W. S. BOREN

Notary Public

( S E A L )

Lucy M. Bowman being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she made the above and foregoing copy and that same is a full, true and correct copy of the original transcript in said cause.

*Lucy M. Bowman*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November, 1905

*Thyron White*  
Notary Public

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of the minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen.

DECISION.

The record in this case shows that on August 30, 1902, Ketch Barnett appeared before the Commission, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his five minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen.

It appears that at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, on April 24, 1901, Mary Barnett made application to the Commission for the enrollment of the above named children as Cherokee freedmen, and the proceedings then had are made part of the record herein.

It appears from the evidence that said minors are the children of Ketch Barnett, who is listed for enrollment on Creek Freedmen Card Field No. 607, and Mary Barnett, a Cherokee freedman, and that said Ketch Barnett has made election for his said minor children to be enrolled as Creek freedmen.

It further appears that Joe and Monday Barnett are identified on the 1898 Pay Roll of the Creek Nation, and that Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett are identified by birth affidavits made part of the record herein.

An examination of the records of the Commission shows that the name of Ketch Barnett is included in the partial roll of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 13, 1902, at No. 2518.

It further appears that said minor children have resided with their parents in the Creek Nation all their lives.

It is therefore the opinion of this Commission that the said Joe Barnett, Monday Barnett, Leroy Barnett, Susie Barnett and Emma Barnett should be enrolled as Creek freedmen, under the provisions of the acts of Congress, June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 495), and March 1, 1901 (31 Stat. L., 861), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

*(Signed)* James D. Birney  
Chairman.

*(Signed)* L. B. Needles  
Commissioner.

*(Signed)* C. R. Beckwith  
Commissioner.

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Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this 11 day of April, 1903.



Mary Barnett, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, the said child having been born on the 28th day of November, 1902, and

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Cherokee F-653.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman of Catch Barnett.

Creek N. F.-269.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ketch Barnett, Jr., as a Creek Freedman.

To Ketch (or Catch) Barnett and his wife, Mary Barnett,

Tulahassee, Indian Territory.

WHEREAS, on August 19, 1902, there was filed with the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes an application, supported by affidavit, for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman of Catch Barnett, infant child of Ketch Barnett, a citizen of the Creek Nation, and Mary Barnett, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, the said child having been born on the 28th day of February, 1902, and

WHEREAS, on March 20, 1905, there was filed with the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes an application for enrollment as a Creek freedman of Ketch Barnett, Jr., child of Mary Barnett, a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation, and Ketch Barnett, a citizen by adoption of the Creek Nation, which child is said to have been born November 22, 1902, and

WHEREAS, it appears that Catch Barnett for whom application for enrollment was made on August 19, 1902, as a Cherokee freedman is the same person as Ketch Barnett, Jr., for whom application for enrollment as a Creek freedman was made on March 20, 1905, and

WHEREAS, it is provided in Section 21 of the Act of Congress of June 28, 1898, that

"The several tribes may, by agreement, determine the right of persons who for any reason may claim citizenship in two or more tribes, and to allotment of lands and distribution of moneys belonging to each tribe; but if no such agreement be made, then such claimant shall be entitled to such rights in one tribe only, and may elect in which tribe he will take such right; but if he fail or refuse to make such selection in due time, he shall be enrolled in the tribe with whom he has resided, and there be given such allotment and distributions, and not elsewhere." And

WHEREAS, no agreement as contemplated by the provision of law

above quoted has been entered into between the Creek and Cherokee Nations, and

WHEREAS, no election has been made as provided by the provision of law above quoted, on behalf of the said Catch Barnett or Ketch Barnett, Jr.,

YOU ARE, THEREFORE, NOTIFIED to appear at the office of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on or before November 15, 1905, and make an election under the provision of the law above quoted.

Upon your failure to do so, you are notified that the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes will proceed to determine, in accordance with that provision of law, in which nation said Catch Barnett or Ketch Barnett, Jr., shall be enrolled for the purpose of receiving allotment and distribution.

COMMISSIONER.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this OCT 30 1905



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Cherokee F. 653.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, INDIAN TERRITORY, NOV. 13, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment  
of Ketch Barnett, Jr., as a Creek freedman.

Ketch Barnett being first duly sworn testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A. Ketch Barnett.  
Q How old are you? A. I don't know, sir, exactly how old I am.  
Q About? A. I guess about twenty-nine.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Talahassee  
Q Are you a freedman of the Creek Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A. Paldo Grayson.  
Q What is the name of your mother? A. Winnie Lewis  
Q What Creek Indian town do you claim to belong to?  
A. Arkansas.  
Q ~~Well have you a new born child?~~ A. ~~No he was born in 1902.~~  
Q You have one born in 1902? A. Yes, sir  
Q What is the name of that child? A. Ketch Barnett.  
Do you know the exact date of his birth? A. November 22, 1902  
Q Were you present when he was born? A. Yes sir  
Q Haven't got two children by the name of Ketch have you?  
A. No sir, just one.  
Q Haven't got two children born within a few months of each other?  
A. No, sir.  
Q This Ketch is the only one? A. Yes, sir.  
Q Wasn't application made for that child in the Cherokee Nation?  
A. I think his mother made application for him.  
Q Well, now are you sure it was November 22, 1902? A. Yes, sir,  
I am sure of it.  
Q What makes you remember it? A. After its birth I put its age  
down with the rest of the children to have it enrolled here.  
Q Put it down where? A. I come here to have it enrolled and I  
couldn't have it enrolled.  
Q You said you put it down? A. I come here to have it enrolled  
and couldn't have it.  
Q Did you make any record in the bible? A. Yes, sir.  
Q When did you make that record? A. The next morning after  
his birth.  
Q What does that record say do you remember? A. No, sir, I  
don't exactly remember.  
Q Well as well as you can remember? A. I just put it down  
Ketch Barnett was born 22nd day of November 1902.  
Q That is how you remember it? A. Yes sir  
Q Well the records of this office show that application-  
that you referred to awhile ago that might have been made-  
was made for the enrollment of this child in the Cherokee  
Nation three months before the date you give for its birth.  
How do you explain that? A. I don't know, I wasn't here  
with her.  
Q Your wife certainly didn't make application for a child that  
wasn't living? A. I don't know, the child was living though?

- Q You must be mistaken about the date of his birth aren't you?  
 A No sir.  
 Q Is the mother of this child a citizen of the Cherokee Nation?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Has received her land over there has she? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q Well now Ketch if it should be found that this child is entitled to rights in either the Creek or Cherokee Nation in which nation do you elect to have him enrolled and have him take his allotment of land? A. I want him enrolled in the Creek Nation.  
 Q You elect to have him enrolled in the Creek Nation?  
 A Yes sir.

## WITNESS EXCUSED.

MARY BARNETT being first duly sworn testified as follows :

## EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q What is your name? A. Mary Barnett  
 Q How old are you? A. Well I couldn't tell you because I don't know.  
 Q About how old are you? A. I think about forty.  
 Q What is the name of your father? A. Ely Keys  
 Q What is the name of your mother? A. Malinda Keys  
 Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir  
 Q Have you a child named Ketch Barnett? A. Yes, sir  
 Q That is your child is it? A. Yes, sir, it is my child.  
 Q When was it born? A. That is what gets me; I can't tell you what month he was born in; that is the trouble.  
 Q Do you remember making application for that child in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes, sir.  
 Q What time of the year was that do you remember? A. No sir.  
 Q It was in the summer-in August wasn't it? A. I think it was in the summer  
 Q How old was the child at the time you make application for it in the Cherokee Nation? A. He wasn't but two years old and they said he was too young. They wouldn't take him. Said I wouldn't file for him.  
 Q He was two years old then? A. That is what I think, I have been sick all the time and I can't remember.  
 Q If it should be found that this child is entitled to be enrolled in either the Creek or Cherokee Nation in which nation do you elect to have him enrolled and take his allotment and money? A. I would like for him to take his right in the Creek Nation where the rest of the children are  
 Q You elect to have him enrolled in the Creek Nation do you?  
 A Yes sir.  
 Q Was your husband, Ketch Barnett, present when this child was born?  
 A Yes sir, he was right there.  
 Q Who was the midwife, or did you have one?  
 A Ella McIntosh.  
 Q We have an affidavit here in this division made out on the 20th of March 1905- your affidavit and the affidavit of Ella McIntosh in which you state that this child was born November 22, 1902, and the midwife states that the child was born in the winter of 1902. Is that correct? A. That is correct what the affidavits say. I can't read and write.  
 Q In the Cherokee division there is record of an application by you and an affidavit in the case and the date of that attempted application for this child is way before the date which you give for the birth here. That can't happen. How do you explain that? A. That is wrong.

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- Q You didn't apply for that child in the Cherokee Nation before it was born did you? A. Oh No, sir, I didn't know they would do anything with the child before it was born.
- Q That date of the application in the Cherokee Nation we know to be earlier than the date which you now give for its birth. You state that you want this child enrolled in the Creek Nation where your other children are enrolled? A. Yes sir.
- Q Name some of the other children? A. Joe Barnett, Monday Barnett, Susie Barnett, Emma Barnett and Leroy Barnett.
- Q Are any of these children twins? A. Susie and Leroy are twins.
- Q How old is Emma? A. They are all eight years old. Emma is my daughter's child but we had to take her and put her down as our own after her mother died.
- Q What is your daughter's name- the mother of Emma?
- A Dora Gray.
- Q Is she a Creek? A. Her dady is a Creek
- Q Is she enrolled in the Creek Nation? A. Yes, sir, she enrolled with her father Andy.
- Q You say that she is the mother of Emma? A. I am her grandmother.
- Q What is the name of the father of Emma? A. I don't know, the girl wasn't married.
- Q Do you know whether he was a citizen of the Creek Nation or not?
- A She says he is but she didn't never tell me his name.
- Q Are Joe and Monday and the two twins your children? A. They are my own.
- Q Ketch is the father? A. Yes, sir.
- Q You state positively now that Emma is not your child? A. I didn't birth her.
- Q Are you sure your daughter Dora is an enrolled citizen of the Creek Nation? A. Yes sir, I am certain because she enrolled with her dady.
- Q What if her dady wasn't enrolled? A. Her dady is enrolled because he is a Creek citizen.
- Q Which month comes first, August or November? A. August comes first.
- Q Now in August 1902 you made application for the enrollment of Ketch Barnett Jr., as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Now that is before November 1902 isn't it? A. Yes sir.
- Q Was Ketch living at the time you make application for him in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.
- Q Then he was born before November 1902 wasn't he? A. That affidavit is wrong because he told me it was wrong before we left home.
- Q Did he tell you to say it was right? A. He said the way I made that affidavit in the Cherokee Nation for Ketch that was wrong.
- Q Did he tell you this one in the Creek Nation was right?
- A When we made application here that that was right. I got it wrong when we went to the Cherokee Nation.
- Q Now listen, you say in this affidavit that he was born November 22, 1902. Do you understand that? A. Yes, sir.

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- Q Now in August 1902, which was several months before November you went to the Cherokee Enrollment Division and said that you then had a child named Ketch Barnett? A. Yes, sir.
- Q And made application for his enrollment. Now that application in the Cherokee Nation was made about four months before the date you give in this affidavit as the date of his birth. In other words if he was living then this affidavit here is about three months out of the way? A. As far as I can recollect the Cherokee affidavit is wrong.
- Q How could you apply for a child three months before the date you give as its birth? (no answer).
- Q Do you see now that this affidavit is not correct?
- A Yes, sir, that would make it wrong.
- Q Now are you certain that the child was born in the month of November? A. Yes, sir.
- Q But you don't know the year? A. No sir, I don't know the year.
- Q Is Ketch living? A. Yes sir.
- Q How old is he today? A. I don't know.
- Q Is he three years old? A. He ought to be going on five years old.
- Q Then he was probably born in 1901 or 1900, is that right?
- A He is older than any three years old now.
- Q Is he your child? A. He is my baby child.

WITNESS EXCUSED.

KETCH BARNETT recalled testifies as follows:

EXAMINATION BY THE COMMISSIONER:

- Q When was this child Ketch Barnett, Jr., born? A. Born November 22, 1902.
- Q Is that child living? A. Yes, sir.
- Q How old is it? A. He will be four years old the 22nd day of this month. No I got that wrong he will be three years old.
- Q Are you positive of that Ketch? A. Yes sir.
- Q What makes you positive of that? How do you figure that out?
- A Well, 1903 would be one year, 1904 would be two years and 1905 would be three years.
- Q Do you know which month comes first August or November?
- A August comes before November.
- Q In August 1902 Mary Barnett appeared before the Cherokee Division and made application for a child named Ketch who she stated was living and now you state that this same child was born in November 1902, three months later, how can that be possible? A. I couldn't tell but he was born November 22, 1902 because I was there; I went after the midwife.

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- Q We are not telling you the date of birth that Mary Barnett gave before the Cherokee Division but we know it to be a fact that in August 1902, she came in and applied for a child that was then living; that is three months before the date you say it was born? A. He couldn't be because he wasn't born in August 1902.
- Q Well do you think she came in and applied for a child that wasn't born? A. He wasn't born until November.
- Q She said in the affidavit that it was living and she said here today that he was living? A. He wasn't born.
- Q How could she tell what his name was going to be? A. I don't know.
- Q How could she tell it was going to be a boy?
- A I couldn't tell.
- Q Were you present when she made that Cherokee application?
- A No sir.
- Q Why did you say that child was four years old when we asked you the question a few minutes ago? A. I made a mistake.
- Q Where is that bible you talked about? A. It is home some place.
- Witness is advised that he will be allowed fifteen days in which to bring in the bible showing the date of the birth of Ketch Barnett, Jr.
- Q Who wrote that in the bible? A. It is not a bible. It is a book.
- Q Your wife says that child is five years old? A. No sir, he aint five years ~~old~~.
- Q And she says that child was two years old when she went to the Cherokee Division; How do you account for that?
- A I don't know sir, how to account for that.
- Q Which one of you is intentionally or unintentionally lying about it? A. I couldn't tell; I know just what I am stating, this child was born November 22, 1902. I couldn't tell what in the world she was think about. I wasn't along with her.
- Q You see how it is about that child, Ketch, Jr., on July 5, 1902, a summer month, Mary Barnett came in here before Mr. Jones and made out an affidavit about the birth of that child; that is four months before the date you stated just now he was born. How do you explain that? A. I don't know sir, how to explain it now.
- Q She said the child was living and said it was born in February 1902 and five days later Ella McIntosh went before Milo Adams and said that child was living. That is four months before the date you give as the birth of this child. Are you positive that it was born in November 1902? A. That is the way I have it down.
- Q It couldn't be could it? A. The mother and grannie said it was born in February.
- Q Now do you know whether it was in November 1902, as you repeatedly state here, or in February 1901 when this child was born?
- A No sir, all I have is just what I have said at first. I don't know any more.

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- Q Do you think you were telling the truth when you stated here that the child would be four years old the 22nd of this month? A. I might be telling the truth through a mistake but I don't know.
- Q Well, you admitted here awhile ago that you were lying about the mother of one of your children? A. Yes, I was lying about that.
- Q Well now are you lying about the mother of Ketch? A. No sir.

Witness is advised to have Ella McIntosh appear at the time he brings the book showing when Ketch Barnett was born.

Witness excused.

Chas T. Difendafer being first duly sworn states that the above and foregoing is a full true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes taken in said cause on said date.

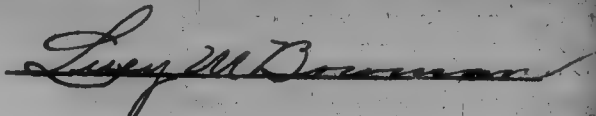
(Signed) CHAS. T. DIFENDAFAER

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of November 1905

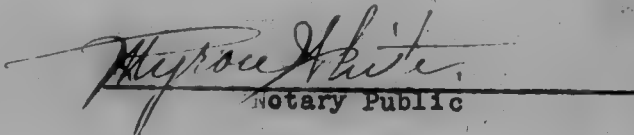
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(Signed) HENRY G. HAINS  
Notary Public

Lucy M. Bowman, being first duly sworn, states that she made the above and foregoing copy, and that same is a full true and correct copy of the original transcript.



Subscribed and sworn to before me this 22nd day of November 1905.

  
Notary Public



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COPY      Cherokee Freedman 663  
(Creek Freedman 1810--N.F. 256).

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, Emma and Catch Barnett as Cherokee  
Freedman.

D E C I S I O N .

THE RECORD IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That on April 24, 1901, Mary Barnett appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of, among others, her minor children, Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, and Emma Barnett (grandchild, see infra), as Cherokee Freedmen. As the others included in said application have been heretofore disposed of, their rights to Cherokee freedman citizenship will not be considered in this decision. Thereafter, on August 19, 1902, there was filed with the Commission an affidavit showing the birth, on February 28, 1902, of Catch Barnett, son of the said Mary Barnett.

The record further shows: That on August 30, 1902, Ketch Barnett appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his minor children, the said Joseph, Monday, Susie and Leroy Barnett, and his minor grandchild, the said Emma Barnett, (illegitimate child of Dora Gray, deceased, father unknown), as Creek freedmen, electing, if it should be found they were entitled to Creek freedman citizenship, that they receive their allotments of land and distribution of moneys in the Creek Nation; and that on November 13, 1905, he appeared before the Commissioner at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made the same election in behalf of his minor child the said Ketch (Catch) Barnett.

It further appears that the five applicants first above named are included in a partial roll of Creek freedmen approved December 1, 1903, opposite Numbers 5283 to 5287, respectively, and that selections of land in the Creek Nation have been made for them and deeds thereto written.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED That, under the provisions of Paragraph Eight of Section Twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 25, 1896 ( 30 Stat., 495), Joseph Barnett, Mandy Barnett, Susie Barnett, Leroy Barnett, Emma Barnett and Dutch Barnett are not entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and their application for enrollment as such is accordingly denied.

SIGNED: Terre Dixey.  
COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this DEC 28 1905



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, June 11th, 1901.

To Mrs. Mary Barnett,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of birth certificate in the matter of the application for enrollment of Susie Barnett, daughter of Catch Barnett and Mary Barnett as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the same has been duly filed.

Very respectfully,

*Wm. D. Dyer*

Acting Chairman.

WETA LEBEODKINJA.

of the Creek Nation.

has been made by the above named persons for enrollment as citizens

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application  
has been made to the  
Enrollment Division.

of these persons as Creek Freedmen has been made to the Creek En-

You ask to be advised whether application for the enrollment  
has been made as Cherokee Freedmen.

Application of WETA LEBEODKINJA and her six minor children for enroll-  
ment as citizens, enclosing copies of testimony in the matter of the

Gentlemen:  
Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the

Muskogee, I. T.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

In Re Cherokee Freedmen, No. 622

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 8, 1901.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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COMMISSIONERS:  
HENRY L. DAWES,  
TAMM SIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE.

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 2, 1901.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

In Re Cherokee Freedmen, No. 653

Cherokee Enrollment Division,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I. T.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your favor of the 29th ultimo, enclosing copies of testimony in the matter of the application of Mary Barnett and her six minor children for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

You ask to be advised whether application for the enrollment of these parties as Creek Freedmen has been made to the Creek Enrollment Division.

In reply to your letter you are advised that no application has been made by the above named parties for enrollment as citizens of the Creek Nation.

Very respectfully,

*Tamm Sixby*  
Acting Chairman.

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COMMISSIONERS:

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TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
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SECRETARY.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Creek Enrollment  
Case No. 247.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1902.

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith one copy of the testimony in the matter of the application of Ketch Barnett for the enrollment of his minor children, Joe, age 10, Monday, age 9, Leroy and Susie, age 5, and Emma Barnett, age 4 years, as Creek freedmen.

The testimony in this case discloses the fact that Mary Barnett, the mother of the aforesaid mentioned five children, is a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

Respectfully,



Acting Chairman.

OCH-190.

Cherokee F-653.

Waskagee, Indian Territory, November 24, 1902.

Creek Enrollment Division,

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Gentlemen:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of copy of testimony taken August 30, 1902, in the matter of the application of Ketch Barnett, for the enrollment of his minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as Creek Freedmen.

You are advised that an application has heretofore been made to this Commission for the enrollment of these children by their mother, Mary Barnett, and that said Mary Barnett and children are regularly listed upon Cherokee Freedman card, No. 653.

A copy of the testimony in the matter of the application of Mary Barnett, was mailed to you on July 29, 1901.

Respectfully,

Acting Chairman.

COMMISSIONERS:  
TAMM BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRECKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Creek En. 247.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 11, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed one copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated April 18, 1903, in the matter of the application made by Ketch Barnett for the enrollment of his five minor children, Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen.

You are advised that on April 20, 1903, the attorney of the Creek Nation was notified that he would be allowed fifteen days within which to protest against said decision.

No protest having been filed, said five minor children have been, this day, regularly listed for enrollment, on Creek Freedman Card Field No. 1878.

Reference is made to Cherokee F. #653.

Respectfully,

  
Chairman,  
Commissioner in Charge.

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COMMISSIONERS  
JAMES BIXBY,  
THOMAS B. NEEDLES,  
C. R. BRICKINRIDGE,  
W. E. STANLEY

ALLISON L. AYLESWORTH,  
SECRETARY

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING

Creek En. 247.

ADDRESS ONLY THE  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1903.

Commissioner in Charge,

Cherokee Land Office,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of May 8th, in which you request to be advised as to whether a decision has been rendered in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy and Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen, and also whether any application has been made for the enrollment of Catch Barnett, a brother of the above.

In reply, you are advised that on May 9th, a copy of the decision in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett, was transmitted to you, and you were informed that no protest appearing, they had been regularly listed for enrollment on Creek Freedmen Card Field No. 1878.

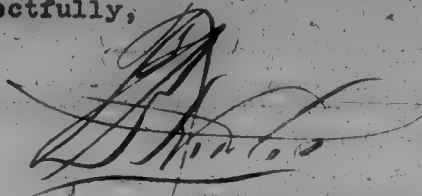
You are further advised, that from an examination of the records of the Commission, it does not appear that application has been made for the enrollment of said Catch Barnett, as a citizen of the Creek Nation. It does appear that Ketch Barnett, father of the said Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy and Emma Barnett, has been regularly listed for enrollment on Creek Freedmen Card Field No. 607,

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and that his name is included in the schedule of Creek freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior, March 13, 1902, roll No. 2318.

Reference is made to Cherokee F. 653.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "S. H. H. Co." or similar, written in a cursive style.

Commissioner in Charge.



H.C.H.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1905

Clerk in Charge,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

In compliance with your verbal request, you are hereby advised that Joe, Monday, Leroy, Susie and Emma Barnett are listed for enrollment on Creek Freedman card, field No. 1810, and that their names are contained in a partial list of Creek Freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior December 1, 1903, opposite Roll Nos. 5283 to 5287, respectively; that selections of land in the Creek Nation have been made for all of said parties and deeds written.

You are further advised that Ketch Barnett, Jr., a brother of the above, born November 22, 1902, is listed for enrollment on New-Born Creek Freedman card, No. 256, and his right to enrollment is at this time pending.

Respectfully,

(Signed)

TAMS BIXBY  
Commissioner

REPLY IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

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Cherokee  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 20, 1905.

Clerk in Charge,

Cherokee Enrollment Division.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the testimony  
of Ketch Barnett and Mary Barnett, taken November 13, 1905,  
in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Ketch  
Barnett, Jr., as a Creek freedman.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

REFER IN REPLY TO THE FOLLOWING:

Cherokee

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1905.

Mary Barnett,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the record of proceedings had in the matter of your application for the enrollment of your children, Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, Emma and Catch Barnett, as Cherokee freedmen, together with the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, rejecting said application.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in this case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The Department's action will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 1, 1906.

Chief Clerk,

Cherokee Enrollment Division,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that on March 20, 1906, application was made, in affidavit form, for the enrollment of Ketch Barnett, Jr., born November 22, 1902, to Ketch Barnett, a Creek Freedman, and Mary Barnett, an alleged citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

You are requested to advise this office if application has been made for the enrollment of said child as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and if so, to furnish the present status of same.

Respectfully,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
Office of Indian Affairs,  
WASHINGTON.

January 3, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from Commissioner Bixby, dated December 28, 1905, with which is enclosed the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, Emma and Catch Barnett as Cherokee freedmen; also the decision of the Commission-  
er to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, adverse to the applicants.

The record shows that on April 24, 1901, Mary Barnett appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of her minor children, Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, and Emma Barnett as Cherokee Freedmen. On August 19, 1902, there was filed with the Commission an affidavit showing the birth, on February 28, 1902, of Catch Barnett, son of Mary Barnett.

The record also shows that on August 30, 1902, Ketch Barnett appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment

of his minor children, Joseph, Monday, Susie, and Leroy Barnett, and his grandchild, Emma Barnett, as Creek freedmen, electing if it should be found they were entitled to Creek freedmen citizenship that they receive their allotments of land and distribution of moneys in the Creek Nation, and that on November 13, 1905, he appeared before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at Muskogee, Indian Territory, and made the same election in behalf of his minor child, Ketch (Cathh) Barnett.

Commissioner Bixby reports that the five applicants first above named are included in a partial roll of Creek freedmen approved December 1, 1903, opposite Nos. 5283 to 5287, respectively, and that selections of land in the Creek Nation have been made for them and deeds there to written.

The attention of the Department is invited to the fact that Catch Barnett is not included in the five applicants on the partial roll of Creek freedmen opposite Nos. 5283 to 5287, referred to by Commissioner Bixby as having been given selections of land in the Creek Nation, but the Office presumes that Catch Barnett has been admitted with the other applicants as freedmen of the Creek Nation.

In view of the facts as above set out, and inasmuch as the applicants herein have been admitted as Creek freedmen, under the provisions of Paragraph 8 of Section 21 of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat L., 495), the Office concurs in the decision of Commissioner Bixby that Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy

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Bama and Satch Barnett are not entitled to enrollment as  
Cherokee freedmen.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,

Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, THE  
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January 9, 1907.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

December 28, 1906, you transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrolment of Joseph, Monday, Susie, Leroy, Emma and Catch Barnett as Cherokee freedmen, including your decision of the same date, adverse to the applicants.

Reporting January 3, 1907 (Land 133-06), the Indian Office concurs in your decision. A copy of its letter is enclosed.

The Department also concurs, and your decision is hereby affirmed.

The papers in the case have been returned to the Indian Office for its files.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan.

First Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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Department of the Interior.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

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Mary Barnett,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

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Commissioner

deposited and sworn to before me this 22nd day of April, 1901.

Notes thereof.

Testimony is a bill, true and correct transcript of his stenographic record of the testimony and proceedings in the case, and that the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, by correctly re- the undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer

will be found for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Testimony as to citizenship and residence, consequently he and his name does not appear upon said rolls, and particularly 1880 of the names roll of 1880; he gives satisfactory reason for it. His name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The name of George Howard appears upon the Kaine Gilson

Dase 133, No. 23181, the name of the Freedman.

Section examined and the same of the subject is found on the Kaine Gilson roll of the Freedman of the Cherokee

yes etc, it was wrong when I went to draw the last money. I don't think they got the information on the Kaine Gilson roll. A and more that I know of myself and a nephew, my brother's

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER TO THE  
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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jesse Lowry for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jesse Lowry.  
Q How old are you? A About 44, I guess.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah District.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe? A Never did.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir, always has.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just myself.  
Q What was your father's name? A Jesse Lowry.  
Q He living? A No sir, he's dead.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Lydia Lowry.  
Q She living? A No sir, she's dead.  
Q Are you married? A No sir.  
Q Did you always go by the name of Lowry? A I always has.  
Q Were you a slave during the war? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you taken out of the nation during the war? A Never have been out of the nation in my life.  
Q Never was out of the nation? A No sir, always in Fort Gibson.  
Q What was your owner's name? A Mary and Anderson Lowry.

The 1880 authenticated roll and the 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found thereon.

- Q Did you draw your strip money? A Yes sir, I drew all the money the Freedmen ever drew here and never was disputed.  
Q You don't know why your name isn't on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Why isn't it? A My father he enrolled them all and when he enrolled them he left me off; I was hired here in Gibson and he was out in the country; that is how it comes.  
Q You got any witnesses here that you can prove — ?  
A My brother and my cousin.

Nelson Lowry, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nelson Lowry.  
Q What is your age? A About forty.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been enrolled yet? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Jesse Lowry? A Yes sir.  
Q What relation is he to you? A A brother of mine.  
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was his owner? A Anderson and Mary Lowry.  
Q Was Jesse taken out of the nation during the war? A No sir.  
Q Been here all his life? A Yes sir.  
Q You know the reason his name is not on the roll of 1880? A Yes sir, he was quite small when our mother died and we just scattered around; I went to my aunt's to stay; he was hired out to work and our father had always enrolled us in 1880. I come to see my mother; and he was depending on the old man to enroll him and he didn't enroll him. He was working for Mr. Walker at that time.

Applicant further testified—

- Q You didn't draw strip money? A Yes sir.  
Q Under the name of Jesse Lowry? A Yes sir, but they had my age down wrong when I went there. Our father died before the 1896 roll.  
Q How much money did you draw — the strip payment? A \$188.74.  
Q Do you know any other Jesse Lowry besides yourself? A They

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any more that I know of besides myself and a nephew, my brother's child.

Q You think they got the age wrong on the Kerns Clifton Roll? A Yes sir, it was wrong when I went to draw the last money.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 135, No. 5318, Jesse Lowery, Tahlequah District.

The name of Jesse Lowery appears upon the Kerns Clifton Roll; his name is not found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 or the census roll of 1890; he gives satisfactory reason why his name does not appear upon said rolls, and satisfactory testimony as to citizenship and residence, consequently he will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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*[Signature]*  
A. C. GORMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office Fort Gibson, Ok.District Tablequah1. Name Jess LowreyAge 44Owner's name Andrew L. Lowrey

Citizenship

Year 1886Page 133No. 3318District 7th

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Father Jess Lowrey - dead

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2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

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Parents:

Father

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Application made by Mr. J. L. LowreyStenographer E. R. Thompson

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Tahlequah, I. T., August 19, 1902.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY AND PROCEEDINGS in the matter of the enrollment of JESSE LOWREY as a Freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation.

NED IRONS, being first duly sworn, and being examined, testified as follows:

BY COMMISSION: Your name is Ned Irons, your age is forty-six, your post office address is Tahlequah, I. T. A Yes sir.  
Q You are a recognized Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Jesse Lowrey? A Yes sir.  
Q He is a man now about thirty-six years of age? A I guess so.  
Q What is his post office address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Does he reside in Illinois District? A I don't know whether he lives in the country or stays in town. If it is in town it is in Tahlequah District.  
Q What is the name of the father of Jesse Lowrey? A Jesse.  
Q Is he living? A No sir.  
Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the name of his owner? A No sir.  
Q What is the name of the mother of this young man, Jesse Lowrey? A Lydia Lowrey.  
Q Is she living? A No sir.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Was she the slave of a Cherokee ~~Kern-Clifton~~? ~~xx~~ Yes sir.  
citizen? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the name of her owner? A I think they belonged to the same man.  
Q Do you know who owned them? A No sir.  
Q Were the parents of this young man, Jesse Lowrey, recognized as Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know whether their names appear upon the tribal rolls of the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir, I think they do. You will find Jesse's name on the 1896 roll all right.  
Q I don't find it on the 1880. A He was not on the 1880. I had to be a witness about him on the 1896. I was a witness in his defense when he was placed on the 1896 roll.  
Q He was at one time a contested citizen? A Yes sir, by not being on the 1880. He was off cooking somewhere, and didn't get on the 1880 roll.  
Q Did you know the father of Jesse Lowrey at the close of the war? A No sir.  
Q Did you know that he was in the Cherokee Nation in those days? A Yes sir, that is, when I was acquainted with him at Fort Gibson.  
Q You saw him in the Cherokee Nation in 1866? A Yes sir.  
Q Was the mother of this young man, Jesse Lowrey, living at that time? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did you know them after that? A Until they died.  
Q Did they reside in the Cherokee Nation continuously until their death? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know why the name of Jesse Lowrey does not appear on the 1880 roll? A No sir, I don't. He was out cooking some place, and he didn't put himself to any trouble to come. I think, too, he was away off. When it comes to the 1896 roll, I was witness for him. I forget what his testimony was that he was not on the 1880 roll.  
Q Do you know whether this young man, Jesse Lowrey, drew Kern-Clifton money or not? A No sir, I don't.



Q Do you know the reason why he has not applied for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A No sir.

Q Has he any improvements in the Cherokee Nation? A I don't know whether he has or not. Yes, he has, right near Fort Gibson.

Q Is he recognized as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.

1896 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined, and applicant identified thereon as follows:

No. 316, Jesse Lowrey, Tahlequah District, age 30.

Q Do you know whether he is enrolled in any other Nation or not? A No sir, I don't think so. I am satisfied he is not.

Q Has Jesse Lowrey some younger brothers and sisters? A Cornelius and Jinnetta are dead.

Q Were they full brothers and sisters? A Yes sir.

Q You don't know whether they drew money in the Kern-Clifton payment or not? A No sir, I don't. A whole lot of them were knocked off and didn't get in. He is likely to be one of them.

It is shown upon examination of the copy of the 1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation formerly in possession of the representative of the Cherokee Nation, that the father and brother and sister of Jesse Lowrey are identified upon said roll as follows:

Page 41, #1444, Jesse Lowry, Tahlequah District, adopted colored, age 65.

Page 41, #1445, Cornelius Lowry, Tahlequah District, adopted colored, age 11.

Page 41, #1446, Jinnetta Lowry, Tahlequah District, adopted colored, age 8.

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Wm. Hutchinson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of the stenographic notes thereof.

Wm. Hutchinson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 3rd day of September, 1902.

John Ross  
Notary public.

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., November 2, 1903.

In the matter of the application of JESSE LOWREY for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

NELSON LOWREY, being duly sworn and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Nelson Lowrey.  
Q How old are you? A 42 going on 43.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Tahlequah.  
Q You are a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q You got a brother named Jesse Lowrey? A Yes sir.  
Q You on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is your brother, Jesse? A He must be somewhere in the neighborhood of 44.  
Q Why doesn't his name appear on the 1880 roll? A Well at the time of the 1880 roll I didn't know whether he was on or not. I was down at Webbers Falls cooking on a cow ranch. I expected our father to enroll us both. Our father didn't enroll us. I enrolled myself. He didn't enroll himself.  
Q He didn't enroll in 1880 because he expected his father to?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And his father didn't enroll him because he expected him to enroll himself? A Yes sir, he was 21.  
Q He was living in the Cherokee Nation then, was he? A Yes sir.  
Q Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life? A Yes sir, never was outside of the nation in his life, not farther than Fort Smith; living at Fort Gibson now.  
Q Was Jesse Lowrey born a slave? A Yes sir.  
Q Whom did he belong to? A Mary Lowrey.  
Q Did he belong to the same person you did? A Yes sir. Her husband I guess was dead before I was born.  
Q Mary Lowrey was a Cherokee, was she? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she dead now? A Yes sir; some of the children living, 2 of the sons and 3 girls.  
Q Jesse Lowrey belonged to her at the beginning of the War, did he?  
A Yes sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this 13th day of November, 1903.

Mabel F. Maxwell  
Samuel Foreman

Notary Public.

JOR

Cherokee No. F-D-1325.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,

Tahlequah, I. T., January 4, 1905.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Jesse Lowrey as a Freedman of the Cherokee Nation.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

JESSE LOWREY, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Jesse Lowrey.  
Q How old are you? A I dont know, about 46 or 7.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Ft. Gibson.  
Q Are you a cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you apply for enrollment before this Commission? A Yes sir.  
Q When? A When they was making the roll.  
Q In what district have you lived all your life? A Always lived  
in Tahlequah.  
Q Did you draw Currin-Clifton money in 1886? A Yes sir.  
Q Your father's name was what? A Jesse Lowrey.  
Q Your mother's name? A Lydia.  
Q ~~But~~ Do you know another Jesse Lowrey living in Tahlequah Dis-  
trict? A No sir, not that I know of--I have a little girl named  
Jessie Lowrey.  
Q You never knew another Jesse Lowrey of Tahlequah District besides  
yourself? A No sir.

It appears from the records of the Commission, as well as  
from the testimony just taken that the Jesse Lowrey listed for  
enrollment by the Commission, from Information upon Cherokee Card  
field No. D-1325, is a duplicate enrollment of the Jesse Lowrey  
listed for enrollment upon Cherokee Freedman Card No. 654.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn states that as stenogra-  
pher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recor-  
ded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing  
is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken  
therein.

*Clinton W. Myers*

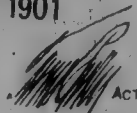
Subscribed and sworn to before me,  
this the 5th day of January, 1905.

*William P. Drew*  
Notary Public.

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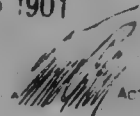
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# Treasury Department

CHEROKEE NATION, IND. TER.

Tahlequah, Oct. 24 1896

This is to certify that Jess L. Lacey  
is registered and supplementary pay  
roll of Tahlequah Dist. B. W.  
approved Dec 10-1880 and drew  
his share of the per capita money  
fund at that time by Thomas  
B. Lacey witnessed by J. S. Staplen  
as per roll now on file in this  
Office. Given under my hand  
and seal of Office this day and  
year first above written.

D. W. Lipe  
Treas. B. W.

Dr. Robt. B. Ross.  
Secy.

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Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Pt. Gibson, I. T., April 28, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Lewis Sanders for the enrollment of himself and one child as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Lewis Sanders.  
Q What is your age? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Well, about how old? A They said I was born in '63.  
Q About forty then? A I guess so.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Melvin.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A I think it is.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A One child.  
Q What is the name of your child? A Vina.  
Q How old is Vina? A 15.  
Q Are you married? A Yes sir, she enrolled yesterday.  
Q Your wife enrolled yesterday? A Yes sir.  
Q Who was the mother of Vina Sanders? A Her mother was named Mary, the one I lived with.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A I don't know, sir.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her name? A She drew under the name of Mary Harlan.  
Q Was that her name? A Yes sir, before I got her.  
Q Her father's name was Tom Harlan? A Yes sir.  
Q He living? A Yes sir.  
Q What was her mother's name? A Rachel, I think.  
Q Is she living? A Yes sir, I think she's living.  
Q You say Mary was a Freedman - you know whether she was a recognized Freedman? A No sir, I don't know.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 176, No. 2877, Louis Sanders, Cooweescoowee Dist.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 1323, No. 506, Lewis Sanders, Tahlequah District.

Page 1323, No. 508, Vinninia Sanders, Tahlequah District.

Q Is Mary Harlan living? A Yes sir, she's living.  
Q What about this woman, was she a Freedman or State woman? A She was in the territory; I don't know whether she was in the Cherokee Nation or not.  
Q Were you married to her? A No sir, we were never married.  
Q Did you live with her as your wife? A I lived with her seven or eight years.  
Q Was she considered your wife by the neighbors? A Yes sir, in them days you know.  
Q Were you keeping house with her? A Yes sir.  
Q She is the mother of Vina? A Yes sir.  
Q Anybody here knows about that? A I suppose so.  
Q Well who? A Mr. Thompson.  
Q Is he here? A He was out doors a while ago.  
Q What is his name? A Jack Thompson.

Jack Brady, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A Jack Brady is my name.  
Q Is that your name now? A Yes sir.  
Q You know Lewis Sanders? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him for about fifteen years.



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Q You know a woman called Mary Harlan he used to live with? A Yes sir.

Q Was he living with her as his wife? A Yes sir.

Q Where was that? A On Fourteen Mile Creek, in Tahlequah District.

Q How long did they live together as man and wife? A They lived together as man and wife until I left there I think.

Q How long was that? A Its been about five years ago, I think.

Q How long did they live together to your knowledge? A To my knowledge, about 10 years.

Q You know his child Vina? A Yes sir.

Q Was Vina born while they were living together as man and wife?

A I think so, she was born while they were living together.

Commissioner of Applicant-

Q How is that, were you living together as man and wife when Vina was born? A Yes sir.

Q Where is Vina now? A She's with her mother now; she is living with her mother now.

Q Has her mother enrolled yet? A No sir.

Q Well, hadn't the mother better enroll Vina when she comes? A Just leave that to you; of course, I enrolled Vina then she was with me then.

Q She is with her mother now? A Yes sir.

Q Her mother has not been here yet? A No sir.

Q Do you think she is going to come to enroll? A I don't know, sir, whether she is or not. She said she wasn't going to come unless her father come.

Q Are you married now? A Yes sir, I am living with Margaret now.

Q Are you married to her? A No sir, I aint married to her.

Q Got any children by her? A No sir.

Q Did you draw strip money for this child, Vina? A Yes sir.

The Kerns Clifton Roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's child is found on page 55, No. 1367, Viney Sanders, Cooweescoowee District

Q Anybody else here knows about your living with this woman? A Not that I know of.

Q You always lived in the Cherokee Nation? <sup>yourself</sup> A Yes sir.

Q Since 1880? A Yes sir.

Q Live in the Cherokee Nation now? A Yes sir.

QA Never lived out of it that I ever knowed of. Yes, a little while I go to some place.

Q You never kept house out of it? A Oh, no sir, I never kept house out of it.

The name of Lewis Sanders is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he applies for the enrollment of himself and one child, Vina; her name is found upon the census roll of 1896, also upon the Kerns Clifton Roll; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.


  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office Mulkey St.District Tahlequah1. Name Lewis SandersAge 40

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year 1890Page 176No. 2677District 600

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

Citizenship

Year

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No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

2. Vina Sanders Year 1890 Page 1323 No. 508 Dist. Tah 15

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Application made by

Lewis Sanders

Stenographer

W. R. Stenographer1. 1890 roll as Lewis Sanders" 1896 " Page 1323 \* 506 — Tah2. 1896 " as Vincentia Sanders2. 1896 roll Page 55 \* 1367 — Vincentia Sanders

Q. And you know what Scott said, she is your daughter, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Mr. Martin, do you know Louis Sanders, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Sanders, testified as follows:  
Q. On June 1, 1901, being sworn and examined by Commissioner I. D. Thomas, Martin, about 23 years of age and whose post office is

near you and he lived together, A. No, sir.

Q. Now, you can locate her, A. Yes, sir. You located her, and now

Q. Now, old man, A. She is 12 years old.

Q. You never got a divorce from Louis Sanders, did you, A. No, sir.

Q. After, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Now, after Sanders, you wife, you were living together as man and

Q. But, you got a divorce, how long, you lived with him, A. No, sir.

Q. Did you read her, you and him, A. Yes, sir. We kept house.

Q. Well, I never did.

Q. By Commissioner Martin: How long did you live with A. I can't not

remember, when I left or no.

Q. By A. M. Hastings, Charles Rebeleshaft: A year or two, A

Q. You know about how long, (No response.)

Q. Now, how long, A. I don't know, sir, how long.

Q. Now, you and Louis Sanders, ever lived together, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Where you and Louis Sanders ever lived together, A. No, sir.

Q. Is Louis Sanders the father of the child, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Is Louis Sanders your child, A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know Louis Sanders, A. Yes, sir.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE

F.-#655.  
F.-D.#186.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 29th, 1901.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY in the matter of the enrollment of VINA SANDERS, F.-#655, and BELL SCOTT, F.-D.186, as Cherokee Freedmen:

MARY SCOTT, about 30 years old and whose post office is Melvin, I. T., being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

Q Do you know Louis Sanders? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know Vina Sanders? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Vina Sanders your child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is Louis Sanders the father of the child? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you and Louis Sanders ever married? A No, sir.  
Q You didn't live together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q For how long? A I don't know, sir, how long.  
Q You know about how long? (No response.)  
BY W. W. HASTINGS, Cherokee Representative: A year or two? A  
Longer than a year or two.  
BY COMMISSIONER NEEDLES: How long ago was that? A I could not  
tell, I have forgot.  
Q Did you keep house, you and him? A Yes, sir; we kept house.  
Q But you don't recollect how long you lived with him? A No, sir.  
Q Was Vina Sanders born while you were living together as man and  
wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q You never got a divorce from Louis Sanders, did you? A No, sir.  
Q How old is Vina? A She is 15 years old.  
Q Now, you can recollect her age, can't you recollect about how  
long you and he lived together? A No, sir.

THOMAS HARLIN, about 57 years of age and whose post office is  
Chouteau, I. T., being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B.  
Needles, testified as follows:

Q Mr. Harlin, do you know Louis Sanders? A Yes, sir.  
Q And you knew Mary Scott, she is your daughter? A Yes, sir.  
Q Well, do you know Vina Sanders? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was Louis Sanders and Mary ever married? A No, sir, they  
never was married.  
Q But they lived together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were they acknowledged in the community as man and wife?  
A Just about like the rest of them.  
Q How long did they live together? A I don't know exactly, lived  
together a good while; they had some seven or eight children; five  
is dead; this youngest one is 15 years old; they must have lived  
together a good while.  
Q They kept house did they? A Yes, sir, just like any other mar-  
ried people.

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J. O. Ressen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly  
recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic  
notes thereof.

*J. O. Ressen*

subscribed and sworn to before me this 30th day of April, 1901.

*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

*Orina Sanders*

a citizen of the

*Cherokee* Nation.

Approved

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Vina Sanders  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Melvin, Ind. Ter., and died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1903.  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Lewis Sanders, on oath state that I am about 40  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.; that I am  
the father of Vina Sanders,  
(State relationship as: the father, an uncle, a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Vina Sanders died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1903. Lewis Sanders  
(Must be Two Witnesses) George Crawford  
James Hatfield  
 Witnessed to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1903.John Rasmus

Notary Public.

(3<sup>rd</sup> term)

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.Northern District.

I, Susan Harlin, on oath state that I am 50  
 years of age, and a citizen, by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Melvin Ind. Ter.;  
 that I was personally acquainted with Vina Sanders,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by adoption of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Vina Sanders died on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of  
July, 1903. Susan Harlin  
(Must be Two Witnesses) George Crawford  
James Hatfield  
 Witnessed to Mark:

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1903.John Rasmus

Notary Public.

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...for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

Isadora Flood as to residence and is this identified, and with  
roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1880; he was seen  
the name of Alexander Holt is found upon the unperfected

Q Having made work, A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it, A No sir.

Q You lived in the Cherokee Nation at the time of the 1880's, A  
Where were you born? A I was born here in LeFlore District.

Does 1310, No. 183, Alexander Holt, LeFlore District.  
Nation examined and the name of the subject is found on

the 1880 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee

County on page 241, No. 301, Alex Holt, LeFlore District.  
Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the subject is  
the 1880 unperfected roll of the Freedmen of the

Q Just sent to enroll himself, A Yes sir.  
Q He was here a long time ago.

Q You were on the roll of 1880, A I think so.  
Cherokee Freedman, A Yes sir.

Q Has he been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a  
No sir.

Q Did you ever begin to be enrolled by any other Nation or tribe  
You didn't go to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, A Yes sir.  
What district do you live in now, A Illinois.

Q What is your name, A  
First is your name, A

Alonzo L. B. Westgate, LeFlore District.  
ment as a Cherokee Freedman, as a Cherokee Freedman, A Yes sir.

in the matter of the identification of Alexander Holt for enroll-

at. Witness: J. W. West, Jr., 1881.  
Commissioner of the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Department of the Interior.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSIONER OF THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, Ind. Ter. April 25, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Alexander Holt for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Alexander Holt.  
Q What is your age? A 48.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Braggs.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other nation or tribe?  
A No sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the roll of 1880? A I think so.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Just me; my wife was here a few days ago.  
Q Just want to enroll yourself? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 541, No. 901, Alex Holt, Illinois District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant is found on page 1310, No. 185, Alexander Holt, Tahlequah District.

- Q Where were you born? A I was born here in Tahlequah District.  
Q You lived in the Cherokee Nation all the time since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Never lived out of it? A No sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.

The name of Alexander Holt is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896; he makes satisfactory proof as to residence and is duly identified, and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office Briggs St.District Ill1. Name Alexander Holt Age 48

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1891 Page 541 No. 901 District Ill

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

|     | Year | Page | No. | Dist. |
|-----|------|------|-----|-------|
| 3.  |      |      |     |       |
| 4.  |      |      |     |       |
| 5.  |      |      |     |       |
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Application made by Wm.Stenographer E. K. K. K. K. K.

Cur 1890 roll as Alex Holt  
 " 1896 " Page 1310 — \*183 — John

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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of April, 1881.

Notary Public.

Wherefore it is that, true and correct transcription of his affidavit to the Commission and proceedings in this case, and that the Commission to the five Civilized Tribes, be collected to-  
The undersigned, being duly sworn, attests that as aforesaid.

affidavit of proof of their names.

Lot of 1886; they will be traced for enrollment when he files  
Harris and Ketchie, whose names are not found upon the Census  
sublist for the enrollment of his two younger children,  
will be traced for enrollment of his two younger children,  
Thomas, and Mary, and the Census of 1886; he also  
Beattie, and John, and the Census of 1886; they are duly  
the Census of 1886; the names of his children, wife,  
wife are found upon the Census of 1880 as well as  
his wife, and nine children. His name and the name of his  
Attorney General, and the names of his children for the enrollment of himself.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
APR 28 1881

S-W. A. J.

Department of the Interior.  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Ft. Gibson, I. T., April 26, 1901.

In the matter of the application of William Vann, Jr. for the enrollment of himself, his wife, Sarah Vann, and his nine children as Cherokee Freedmen; he being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A William Vann, Jr.  
Q How old are you? A About 48 years old now.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Chouteau.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cooweescoowee.  
Q You apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir, I do.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A No sir, never did.  
Q Did you draw any money from any other tribe or nation? A No sir.  
Q Are you recognized by the Cherokee authorities? A Yes sir.  
Q Your name on the Cherokee rolls? A Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A My wife and nine children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Sarah.  
Q How old is she? A She's about 35.  
Q Give me the names of your children? A Walter Vann.  
Q How old is Walter? A 18.  
Q The next child? A Beatrice Vann.  
Q She's 16? A Yes sir.  
Q Augustine is that one? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is she? Fourteen? A Yes sir.  
Q Jessie Ann? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she twelve? A Yes sir.  
Q Harrison? A Yes sir.  
Q Harrison ten? A Yes sir.  
Q Daniel O. is he one? A Yes sir, he's one.  
Q Is he Seven? A Yes sir.  
Q Thomas is one? A Yes sir.  
Q He's five? A Yes sir.  
Q Marie, is that one? A Yes sir, that's one.  
Q She's three? A Yes.  
Q Have you one named Martha? A Yes sir.  
Q She's two? A Yes sir.  
Q Nine of your children, is that right? A Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicant and his wife are identified thereon as follows

Page 195, No. 3152, Wm. Vann, Jr., Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 195, No. 3153, Sarah Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

The 1896 census roll of the Freedmen of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants are found thereon as follows:

Page 425, No. 620, William Vann, Jr., Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 621, Sarah Vann, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 425, No. 623, Walter Vann, Cooweescoowee District.  
Page 425, No. 624, Beatrice Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 625, Augustine Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 626, Jessie Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 627, Harris Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 628, Osie Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.  
Page 425, No. 630, Thomas Vann, Cooweescoowee Dist.

- Q These children all alive and living with you at this time? A Yes sir, all alive and living.  
Q You lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q Your wife also? A Yes sir.

2- V. V. Jr.

William Vann, Jr. applies for the enrollment of himself, his wife, and nine children. His name and the name of his wife are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1888. The names of his children, Walter, Beatrice, Augustine, Jessie A., Harrison, Daniel C., and Thomas, are found upon the census roll of 1888; they are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. He also applies for the enrollment of his two younger children, Marie and Martha, whose names are not found upon the census roll of 1888; they will be listed for enrollment when he files satisfactory proof of their births.

The undersigned, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th day of April, 1901.

  
Commissioner.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office CherokeeDistrict Gov

1. Name William Vann Jr. Age 48  
 Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_  
 Year 1895 Page 195 No. 3132 District Gov  
 Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife Sarah Vann Age 35

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1895 Page 195 No. 3133 District Gov

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

## Names of Children:

|     |                    |                  |                 |                |                  |           |
|-----|--------------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|------------------|-----------|
| 3.  | <u>Walter Vann</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>623</u> | Dist. <u>Gov</u> | <u>18</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Beatrice</u>    | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>624</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>16</u> |
| 5.  | <u>Augustine</u>   | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>625</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>14</u> |
| 6.  | <u>Jessie A.</u>   | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>626</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>12</u> |
| 7.  | <u>Harrison</u>    | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>627</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>10</u> |
| 8.  | <u>Raphael A.</u>  | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>628</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>7</u>  |
| 9.  | <u>Thomas</u>      | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>423</u> | No. <u>630</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>6</u>  |
| 10. | <u>Marie</u>       | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>"</u>   | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>3</u>  |
| 11. | <u>Martha</u>      | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>"</u>   | Dist. <u>"</u>   | <u>2</u>  |
| 12. |                    | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>"</u>   | No. <u>"</u>   | Dist. <u>"</u>   |           |

Application made by GovStenographer E. Rottmeyer

1 On 1890 roll as Wm Vann Jr.  
 1 " 1896 " Page 423 No. 620 Gov  
 2 " 1896 " " 423 No. 621 Gov  
 6 " 1896 " 21 Jessie Vann  
 7 " 1896 " " Harris  
 8 " 1896 " " Gov  
 10 and 11 affs. & birth required

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Marie Vann*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE. Nation.

Approved.

*May 14* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Marie Vann, born on the 31 day of Jan, 1896  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Vann Jr. a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chauteau, Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Sarah Vann, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by Frederick Adolph of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Vann Jr., who is a citizen, by  
Frederick Adolph of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 31 day of Jan, 1896; that said child has been  
named Marie Vann, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two Witnesses)

M. R. Drake  
Matthew Keith

Sarah Vann  
mar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
North District.

I, Martha Chauteau, as midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Vann, wife of William Vann Jr.  
on the 31 day of Jan, 1896; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Marie Vann.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two Witnesses)

M. R. Drake  
Matthew Keith

Martha Chauteau  
mar

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

NOTARY PUBLIC.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Martha Jane*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE

Nation.

Approved.

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*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Martha Vann, born on the 22 day of May, 1899  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: William Vann Jr., a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Sarah Vann, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Choteau, Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Neethen District.

I, Sarah Vann, on oath state that I am 35  
years of age and a citizen, by naturalization of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of William Vann Jr., who is a citizen, by  
naturalization, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 22 day of May, 1899; that said child has been  
named Martha Vann, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

J. W. Drake  
Matthew Keith

Sarah Vann  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

John Dix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Neethen District.

I, Martha Chouteau, as Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Sarah Vann, wife of William Vann Jr.,  
on the 22 day of May, 1899; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Martha Vann.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

J. W. Drake  
Matthew Keith

Martha Chouteau  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of Apr, 1901.

John Dix  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Walter Hunt

a citizen of the

State of

Arkansas.

Approved Oct 24 1902

J. A. Shepherd

Commissioner

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IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

Walter Kamm

a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved Oct 24 1902

L. A. Buckinridge  
Commissioner.



## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

## COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of Walter Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee  
Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
(Here insert name of postoffice.), Ind. Ter., and died on the 1st day of  
Oct., 1901.

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern

District.

I, William D. Vann, on oath state that I am 49  
 years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Cherokee, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
the father of Walter Vann,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said Walter Vann died on the 1st day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.) Oct., 1901.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.){ J. J. Hayden  
W. C. AdamsSubscribed and sworn to before me this 21 day of Oct., 1902.John J. Miller  
Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

District.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office.)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
 who was a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased.) I \_\_\_\_\_.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses.)Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1902.

Notary Public.

IN RE  
THE DEATH OF

William Tamm Jr.  
a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

Approved

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Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of William Vann Jr  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Choteau, Ind. Ter., and died on the 5 day of  
May, 1904.  
(Here insert name of post office)

## AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

Northern District.  
 I, Sarah Vann, on oath state that I am 38  
 years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 that my post office address is Choteau, Ind. Ter.; that I am  
wife of William Vann Jr,  
(State relationship as: the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
 and that said William Vann Jr died on the 5 day of  
May, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Witnesses  
James Moore  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29 day of April, 1904.

Sarah Vann  
mark

Notary Public.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

\_\_\_\_\_ District.  
 I, \_\_\_\_\_, on oath state that I am \_\_\_\_\_  
 years of age, and a citizen, by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 that my post office address is \_\_\_\_\_, Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of post office)  
 that I was personally acquainted with \_\_\_\_\_,  
(Here insert name of deceased)  
 who was a citizen by \_\_\_\_\_, of the \_\_\_\_\_ Nation;  
 and that said \_\_\_\_\_ died on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 1904.  
(Here insert name of deceased)

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1904.

Notary Public.

C. F. R.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Dugald Webber, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applications of:

|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Dugald Webber    | Cherokee Freedmen 12    |
| Ibbie Smith      | Cherokee Freedmen 198,  |
| Lula Mackey,     | Cherokee Freedmen 213,  |
| Luster Foreman   | Cherokee Freedmen 408,  |
| Moses Thompson   | Cherokee Freedmen 523,  |
| Walter Vann,     | Cherokee Freedmen 657,  |
| Fred Vann,       | Cherokee Freedmen 847,  |
| Sidney Rogers,   | Cherokee Freedmen 955,  |
| Solomon Johnson, | Cherokee Freedmen 1230, |
| Carrie Hays,     | Cherokee Freedmen 1314, |
| Jane Kernel,     | Cherokee Freedmen 1350. |

-: D E C I S I O N :-

The records of this Commission show that applications were made to this Commission for the enrollment, as Cherokee Freedmen, of Dugald Webber, Ibbie Smith, Lula Mackey, Luster Foreman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Rogers, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Hays and Jane Kernel.

The records further show that on October 3, 1903, this Commission rendered its decision enrolling Solomon Johnson, and on March 5, 1904, its decision enrolling Carrie Hays, as Cherokee Freedmen:

The evidence shows that all the above named applicants died prior to September 1, 1902.

Section twenty-five of the Act of Congress approved July 1, 1902 (32 Stat., 716), provides:

"The roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation shall be made as of September first, nineteen hundred and two, and the names of all persons then living and entitled to enrollment on that date shall be placed on said roll by the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes."

It is, therefore, ordered that the decisions enrolling Solomon Johnson and Carrie Hove as Cherokee freedmen, in so far as they affect the said Solomon Johnson and Carrie Hove, be, and the same are, hereby set aside; and it is further ordered that the applications for the enrollment of Reginald Webber, Ibbie Smith, Lela Mackey, Luster Periman, Moses Thompson, Walter Vann, Fred Vann, Sidney Rogers, Solomon Johnson, Carrie Hove and Jane Kernal, as Cherokee freedmen, be, and the same are, hereby dismissed, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-five of the Act above quoted.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(Signed) James Dixey  
Chairman.

(Signed) T. B. Needles  
Commissioner.

(Signed) G. R. Breckinridge  
Commissioner.

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this MAY 13 1906

Cherokee F-657

Muskogee, Indian Territory, October 14, 1902.

William Vann, Jr.,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The Commission is informed that, since the date of your application for the enrollment of yourself and family as Cherokee Freedmen, one of your children has died.

There is enclosed you herewith blank form of affidavit and if this information is correct, you are requested to have same properly executed and forward to the Commission at the earliest possible date, in order that the death of said child may be shown upon the Commission's records.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge.

Enc. 1 D.C.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedman  
D-12 et al.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1905, dismissing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-43.

*Tame Bixby.*

Chairman.

COPY.

Cherokee Freedmen  
B-12 et al.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 13, 1905.

Commissioner in Charge,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated May 13, 1905, dismissing the applications for the enrollment of Dugald Webber et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Incl. L-44.

(SIGNED) *Tame Dixby*  
Chairman.



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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

Notary Public.

Following is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic testimony as a witness and proceedings in this case, and that the return to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly  
J. O. Hanson, being first duly sworn, stated that he stenog-

ACTING CHAIRMAN

Nebraska Herd, et al.--S.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 25th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Pauline Hill for the enrollment of NANCY HILL and two children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Hill being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Pauline Hill.  
Q How old are you? A Somewhere in 40.  
Q What is your post office address? A Vian.  
Q What district do you live in? A Illinois.  
Q Who do you desire to have enrolled? A Two grandchildren.  
Q What are their names? A Perlion Hill and Thomas Hill.  
Q Perlion Hill is four years of age; Thomas Hill is one year of age; what is the name of the mother of these children? A Her name was Nancy Roach before she married, her name now is Nancy Hill.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Why ~~has~~ is not she here herself to enroll her children? A Because they had the Bumps and could not come.  
Q What is the Bumps? A What they call the small pox.  
Q How old is Nancy Hill? A Her father will have to tell you that.  
Q About how old, do you know? A I reckon she is about 20.  
Q Has she been enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What is the name of their father? A John Hill.  
Q Is he living? A Yes, sir.  
Q What relation are you to these children? A Grandmother.  
Q What was Nancy Hill's name before she married? A Roach.  
Q Is John Hill a Cherokee Freedman? A He is my son, Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and Nancy Hill's name identified thereon, page 574, #1555, as Nannie Roach, Illinois District.

- Q She has not been here to enroll yet? A No, sir, she could not come on account of the Bumps.  
Q Is Nancy Hill your step-daughter? A Yes, sir.  
Q You say she is not able to apply herself? A No, sir.  
(Applicant is permitted to apply for Nancy Hill.)

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Nancy Hill not found thereon.

The Kerns-Clifton roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of Nancy Hill identified thereon, page 95, #2384, Nan Roach, Illinois District.

- Q What is Nancy Roach's husband's name? A John Hill.  
Q Is Nancy Roach living now? A That is the one I am trying to tell you about.  
Q Isay is she living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Has she always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir; ever since I knewed her.  
Q And Perlion and Thomas are her children? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The applicant applies for the enrollment of Nancy Hill and her two children, Perlion and Thomas Hill: Nancy Hill she avers is married to one John Hill, her maiden name was Roach and her name is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as Nannie Roach and upon the Kerns-Clifton pay roll as Nan Roach. She has since married said John Harlin. The names of her two children, Perlion and Thomas, are not found upon the rolls of the Cherokee Nation, having been born after the rolls were compiled. Satisfactory proof is made as to their birth and is filed herewith. They are duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently Nancy Harlin and her two children, Perlion and Thomas, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Nancy Harlin, et al.--2.

J. O. Resson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Resson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901

Post Office

District

Near 29  
Illinois

1. Name

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Nancy Hill

Age

20

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1880

Page 574

No. 1555

District

Ill.

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

Carlisle Hill

Year

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Thomas

Year

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Application made by

Louise Hill

Stenographer

J. C. Pearson

#1 on 1880 Roll as Maria Roach.

#1 " " " " page 95 #2384 Maria Roach Ill. Dist.

Nos 2 and 3 Birth Certificates to be supplied.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Thomas Hill*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved, *April 25th* 1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Thomas Hill, born on the 27 day of December, 1900  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: John Hill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Hill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Vian O.T.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Nancy Hill, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Indians Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Hill, who is a citizen, by  
Cherokee Indians Cherokee Nation, that a male child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 27 day of December, 1900 that said child has been  
named Thomas Hill, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)W. H. BrownLora ArfelleNancy Hill  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

INDIAN TERRITORY,

Northern District.

I, Polina Hill, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Hill, wife of John Hill,  
on the 27 day of December, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a male child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Thomas Hill.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)W. H. BrownLora ArfellePolina Hill  
markSubscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.



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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Lillian Hill*

as a citizen of

*Cherokee*

Nation.

Approved,

*April 25<sup>th</sup>*

1901

*[Signature]*

Commissioner.

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*

ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Cherokee Nation,  
of Perlie Hill, born on the 26 day of December, 1898  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John Hill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Nancy Hill, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Uian ST.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Nancy Hill, on oath state that I am 20  
years of age and a citizen, by Cherokee Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of John Hill, who is a citizen, by  
Cherokee Freedman, of the Cherokee Nation, that a female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 26 day of December, 1898; that said child has been  
named Perlie Hill, and is now living.

## WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

W. H. Brown  
Cora Arple

Nancy Hill  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Polin Hill, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Nancy Hill, wife of John Hill,  
on the 26 day of December, 1898; that there was born to her on  
said date a female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Perlie Hill.

## WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two)  
Witnesses

W. H. Brown  
Corra Arple

Polin Hill  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 8 day of April, 1901.

J. R. Mayfield  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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testifying in a fine and simple & straightforward manner, he regarded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the subject for the Commission to be fully civilized in fact, he as a witness, being the only sworn, stated that as a Negro-

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 26th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Arch Carter, Sr., for the enrollment of himself, wife and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Carter being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Arch Carter.  
Q How old are you? A 56.  
Q What is your post office address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other Tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to draw money from any other tribe?  
A No, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Wife and three children.  
Q What is your wife's name? A Sarah Carter.  
Q How old is she? A She is 54.  
Q Is she a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q What are the names of your children? A Johnson is the oldest.  
Q Johnson Carter? A Yes, sir.  
Q How old is he? A 20.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Matilda.  
Q How old is she? A 17.  
Q What is the next child? A Arch, Jr.  
Q How old is he? A 16.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 745, #441, Arch Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 745, #442, Sarah Carter, Tahlequah District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

- Page 1305, #76, Arch Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1305, #77, Sarah Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1305, #80, Johnson Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1305, #81, Matilda Carter, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1305, #82, Arch Carter, Tahlequah District.

- Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since 1880?  
A I have been here all my life.  
Q Your wife too? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The names of Arch Carter and his wife, Sarah are found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. The names of his children, Johnson, Matilda and Arch, Jr., are found upon the census roll of 1896. They are all duly identified and make satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Arch Carter, Sr., et al. --2.

J. O. Roason, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Roason*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

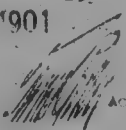
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office W. Gibson St.District Tah.1. Name Arch Carter sr Age 56

Owner's name

Year 1890Page 745No. 441District Tah.

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife Sarah Carter Age 54

Owner's name

Year 1890Page 745No. 442District Tah.

Citizenship

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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| 3.  | <u>Johnson Carter</u> | Year <u>1896</u> | Page <u>1305</u> | No. <u>82</u> | Dist. <u>Tah.</u> | <u>20</u> |
| 4.  | <u>Matilda</u>        | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>1305</u> | No. <u>81</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>17</u> |
| 5.  | <u>Arch</u>           | Year <u>"</u>    | Page <u>1305</u> | No. <u>82</u> | Dist. <u>"</u>    | <u>16</u> |
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Application made by M.Stenographer G. A. Ross

On 1896 roll P. 1305 - 76 Arch Carter Tah.  
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5 " 1896 " as Arch Carter

On 1890 roll as Arch Carter.



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recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and just the  
reply to the Commission to the five Civilized Tribes, he collected  
J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenog-

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as Cherokee Freedmen will be rejected.

Gibbs, will be denied, and this application for enrollment  
action for the enrollment of his two children, Gust and  
that he was never married to her, consequently his child  
the children of one George Battle, a non-citizen, and  
He avers that the two children, Gust and Gibbs, are  
enough of his mother, Vana Boorpest.

He placed upon a doubtful and, awaiting proof of the citi-  
zenship of said Geol. Ge Vann, availed son of James Vann, will  
not be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The  
that Vana Boorpest is a Cherokee citizen, but her name can-  
not be found in the child of Vana Boorpest. He avers

He applies for the enrollment of a child, George Vann,  
Cherokee Freedman.

as to residence and will be stated for enrollment as a  
1880. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof  
authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of

COMMISSIONER:--The name of James Vann is found upon the

10 Yes, a.

Q Not legally married to her? I had been living with her 12 or  
Q You were married to Nancy Vann at that time were you?

A Yes, sir.

Q You never pretended to be married or live as man and wife and  
citizen.

Q Is this Boorpest a Cherokee citizen or Freedman? A Cherokee  
citizen. And George was born to a woman named George Battle?

A Yes, sir.

Q And that you were living with Nancy Vann when George was born?  
Q She is still living? A Yes, sir.

Q Now, I understand you to say, Mr. Vann, that your wife was Nancy  
James Vann, et al. --S.

James Vann, et al. --S.

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REJECTED, as to Children, BUSTER AND GIPTOR VANN:  
DOUBTFUL, as to Child, GEORGE VANN:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 25th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Vann for the enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Vann.  
Q What is your age? A About 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cherokee Nation.  
Q Well, what district? A I live here.  
Q Illinois District? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever apply to be enrolled by any other tribe or Nation?  
A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other tribe? A No, sir.  
Q Have you been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A Yes, sir.  
Q Who do you want to enroll besides yourself? A Myself and two children.  
Q What is the name of your eldest child? A George Vann.  
Q How old is he? A 13.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Buster.  
Q How old is he? A Five years old.  
Q The next one? A Four, the 26th of August.  
Q What is its name? A Giptor.  
Q Are you married? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married? A No, sir, I lived with a woman.  
Q What is the name of mother of these children? A Georgia.  
Q Georgia what? A Georgia Estridge is the mother of the two youngest.  
Q Is she a citizen? A No, sir.  
Q What is the name of the mother of the eldest one? A Avus Poorbear.  
Q Is she a citizen? A Yes, sir, I suppose so.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Were you ever married to Avus Poorbear? A No, sir.  
Q Were you ever married to Georgia Estridge? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever live with them as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever live with Georgia Estridge as her husband? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long? A About seven years.  
Q Is she living? A Yes, sir.  
Q Did you ever get a divorce from her? A No, sir.  
Q Did you ever live with Avus Poorbear as your wife? A No, sir, just stopped, used her.  
Q Have you got anybody here that you can prove that you lived with Georgia Estridge as your wife? A This is the woman that I lived with her as her main wife, Nancy Vann.  
Q Was Nancy Vann and you living together when George was born?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q What was your father's name? A Daniel Vann.  
Q What was your mother's name? A Lottie Vann.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 598, #2088, James Vann, Illinois District.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicants' names found thereon as follows:

Page 969, #712, James Vann, Illinois District.

Page 969, #714, George Vann, Illinois District.

Page 969, #715, Buster Vann, Illinois District.

James Vann, et al.--2.

Q Now, I understand you to say, Mr. Vann, that your wife was Nancy Vann? A My first wife.

Q She is still living? A Yes, sir.

Q And that you were living with Nancy Vann when George was born? A Yes, sir.

Q And George was born by a woman named Georgia Estridge? A No, sir; woman by the name of Avus Poorbear, that is the oldest one.

Q Is this Poorbear a Cherokee citizen or Freedman? A Cherokee citizen.

Q You never pretended to be married or live as man and wife and as her husband? A No, sir.

Q You were married to Nancy Vann at that time were you?

A Not lawfully married to her; I had been living with her 15 or 16 years.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of James Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880 as well as the census roll of 1896. He is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to residence and will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

He applies for the enrollment of a child, George Vann, whom he avers is the child of Avus Poorbear. He avers that Avus Poorbear is a Cherokee citizen, but her name cannot be found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The name of said George Vann, avowed son of James Vann, will be placed upon a doubtful card, awaiting proof of the citizenship of his mother, Avus Poorbear.

He avers that the two children, Buster and Giptor, are the children of one Georgia Estridge, a non-citizen, and that he was never married to her, consequently his application for the enrollment of his two children, Buster and Giptor, will be denied, and their application for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen will be rejected.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*J. O. Rosson*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

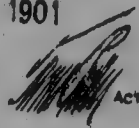
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

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Post Office

St. Louis, Mo.

District

Illinois

1. Name

James Vann

Age

38

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

1860

Page

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No.

2085

District

Ill

Parents:

Father

Samuel Vann

Citizenship

Mother

Lothe

Citizenship

Name of wife

Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

Page

No.

District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

|                           |                      |                     |                    |                      |
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| 2. <del>George Vann</del> | Year <del>1876</del> | Page <del>969</del> | No. <del>117</del> | Dist. <del>Ill</del> |
| 3. <del>Russell</del>     | Year <del>"</del>    | Page <del>969</del> | No. <del>117</del> | Dist. <del>Ill</del> |
| 4. <del>Lepton</del>      | Year <del>"</del>    | Page <del>"</del>   | No. <del>"</del>   | Dist. <del>"</del>   |
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Application made by

W. L.

Stenographer

W. L. Ross

1- In 1896 roll, Page - 969 - 412 - Ill.

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Cherokee freedman

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Cherokee Land Office,  
Tahlequah, I.T., July 13, 1903.

In the matter of the application of James Vann for  
enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY.

JAMES VANN, being duly sworn and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Vann.  
Q What is your age? A About 41.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Have you heretofore applied to this Commission to be enrolled  
as a Cherokee freedman? A No sir.  
Q Didn't you go before the Commission at Fort Gibson in the  
spring of 1901? A I think so.  
Q What is your father's name? A Daniel Vann.  
Q What is your mother's name? A Lottie Vann.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Ever since  
I can recollect; 29 years--28 or 29 I think.  
Q Did you ever live anywhere else? A No sir.  
Q Living here now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever been out of the Nation for any length of time?  
A No sir.  
Q You say you have been here 28 or 29 years and your age is 41:  
where you for the first 11 or 12 years of your life? A Up in  
yonder---Neosho.  
Q Have you been out of the Nation for any purpose for any length  
of time since 1880? A No sir.

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Mabel F. Maxwell, being duly sworn, states that, as  
stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
she correctly recorded the supplemental testimony in this case,  
and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete trans-  
cript of her stenographic notes thereof.

Mabel F. Maxwell

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of July, 1903.

John Pessen

Notary Public.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskegee, I. T., March 1, 1904.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS had in the matter of the application of James Vann, et al., for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen.

It appears that on the 23rd day of January, 1904, the principal applicant and the Cherokee Nation were duly notified by letter that an opportunity would be given each of them to appear before the Commission at its offices in Muskogee, Indian Territory, on March 1, 1904, and then and there to introduce further testimony touching the matters stated in said letter.

APPEARANCES:

Applicant, James Vann, appears in person.  
Cherokee Nation by its attorney, W. W. Hastings.

JAMES VANN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Commission:

Q What is your name? A James Vann.  
Q How old are you? A About 43, I think.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q You make application for the enrollment of yourself and child, George Vann, as Cherokee freedmen? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where were you at the time of the breaking out of the war of the rebellion? A I been right here, I guess, I was born right here at Webbers Falls.  
Q Do you know whether or not you were taken out of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Have you ever lived out of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Never have been out? A No, sir.  
Q Where have you lived all your life? A Around Fort Gibson here.  
Q You have never lived in any place except in Illinois District, Cherokee Nation? A No, sir.  
Q Where did your father and mother live before the war, do you know? A Before the war, I know, Webbers Falls, I think.  
Q Do you know whether or not either of them ever went out of the Cherokee Nation? A I think not.  
Q Where did they die? A Father died up here close to Melvin; mother isn't dead yet.

FRANK VANN, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Commission:

Q What is your name? A Frank Vann.  
Q How old are you? A I am about 50.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, James Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q Do you know how old he is? A I can tell you the year he was born in--in '62. He must be about 42 years old. I know when and where he was born, but I don't know the date.



- Q Where was he born? A Webbers Falls.  
Q Where has he lived since birth? A In the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Did he ever live out of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir, he has just been out and right back.  
Q How long has he stayed outside? A He didn't stay a month. He went to Fort Smith, but didn't stay a month.  
Q When did he come back? A We went away in the fall of '62, but come right back.  
Q You have known him and known where he has lived all the time since that? A Yes, sir, he has lived right at Fort Gibson ever since the year '62 until now.

MARTIN B. BENGE, being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

By the Commission.

- Q What is your name? A Martin B. Benge.  
Q How old are you? A I am 47.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Fort Gibson.  
Q Do you know the applicant here, James Vann? A Yes, sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A I have known him ever since '67.  
Q Do you know where he has lived from that time until this? A Yes, sir, he has lived right around Fort Gibson.  
Q Never has lived out of the Cherokee Nation? A No, sir, to my knowing.

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H. M. Vance, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he reported the proceedings had in the above entitled case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 2nd day of March, 1904.

*H. M. Vance*  
*Edward McNeill*  
Notary Public.

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Commissioner.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

CHAIRMAN

Notes filed.

I aforesaid is a true and correct transcript of his statement,  
recorded in theimony and proceedings in this case, and that the  
report to the Commission of the Five Civilized Tribes, he collected  
J. O. Hanson, before it that duly sworn, states that he attended.

Anna Luther, et al. - 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 25th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jack Luther for the enrollment of his two children, ANNA LUTHER and ADA LUTHER, as Cherokee Freedmen; said Luther being sworn and examined by Commissioner T.B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A I am Jack Luther.  
Q How old are you? A I am 48.  
Q What is your post office address? A Tahlequah.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation?  
A By marriage.  
Q Who do you desire to enroll now? A I desire to enroll two children.  
Q What are their names? A Anna Luther.  
Q How old is Anna Luther? A 17.  
Q What is the name of the next child? A Ada, 14.  
Q What is the mother's name of these children? A Lizzie Vann she was.  
Q Her name now is Lizzie Luther? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you the father of these children? A Yes, sir.  
Q Where is Lizzie Luther? A She is dead.  
Q What was Lizzie Luther's father's name? A Gilbert Vann.  
Q Is he living? A He is dead.  
Q What was her mother's name? A I can't tell you.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir.  
Q How old would Lizzie Luther be now if she were alive? A She would be about 42 as well as I remember.  
Q Was her father alive in 1880, 20 years ago? A I don't know, he died about that time.  
Q Did her mother die before that? A Away before that.

The 1880 Authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the mother of the children for whom application is made found thereon, page 672, #1226, Lizzie Vann, Saline District.

- Q Did you draw strip money for these children? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of applicants found thereon as follows:

Page 1316, #314, Annie Luther, Tahlequah District.  
Page 1316, #315, Ada Luther, Tahlequah District.

- Q Are these children living at this time? A Yes, sir.  
Q Have they always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.  
Q And Lizzie Vann was their mother? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you their father? A No, sir.  
Q You are not a Cherokee Freedman? A No, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES: Jackson Luther applies for the enrollment of his two children; Anna and Ada, and their names are found upon the census roll of 1896. He avers that the mother of these children was Lizzie Luther, whose maiden name was Lizzie Vann before he married, and the name of Lizzie Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. She now being deceased. Satisfactory proof is made as to the residence of the children and they are duly identified, consequently Anna and Ada Luther will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen.

Anna Luther, et al. -- 3

J. O. Reesen, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

J. O. Reesen

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26th day of April, 1901.

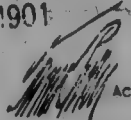
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 25 1901Post Office Tahlequah, I.T.

District \_\_\_\_\_

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of wife \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father Jack Luther - living Citizenship U.S.Mother Lizzie Luther - dead Citizenship C.F.

Names of Children:

1. Annie Luther Year 1896 Page 13/6 No. 3/4 Dist. Tah 172. Ada Year 11 Page 13/6 No. 3/5 Dist. " 14

5. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

6. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

7. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

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12. \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ Dist. \_\_\_\_\_

Application made by Jack Luther (father) Stenographer A. RossOn 1896 roll as Annie Luther

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Cherokee Freedmen No. 661.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE,  
Tahlequah, I. T. September 16, 1904.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Anna and Ada Luther as Cherokee Freedmen.

SUPPLEMENTAL TESTIMONY:

ANNA REED, being duly sworn, ~~sine~~ and examined by the  
Commission, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A Anna Reed.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q What is your postoffice? A Viap, Indian Territory.  
Q You are Cherokee Freedmen are you? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you married since you were enrolled? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your husband? A David Reed.  
Q Is he a citizen of the Cherokee Nation? A No sir.  
Q When were you married? A

There is offered in evidence a marriage license issued by the  
Clerk of the United States Court, Indian Territory, Northern  
District on December 17, 1902, authorizing the marriage of  
David Reed and Anna Luther; also certificate attached thereto  
signed by J. M. Maddox, a minister of the gospel, certifying  
that he united in matrimony the persons named in said license  
on the 23 day of December, 1902.

- Q Are you and your husband living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the date of your sister's marriage? A No sir, I do not.

Clinton W. Myers, being duly sworn, states that as stenog-  
rapher to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly  
recorded the supplemental testimony in this case and that the foregoing  
is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes taken there-  
in.

*Clinton W. Myers*

Subscribed and sworn to before me  
this the 19 day of September, 1904.

*J. L. DeLoach*  
Notary Public.

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and James as a Cherokee Freedman.

Thomas, immediately said Thomas Ann will be started for the Mississippi Territory as to the residence of being started that she is a non-citizen. She is now deceased the name of Sabirone Ann is not found when said left. It the child of Sabirone Ann and Thoborn Ann and the name of General left of 1808 as Thomas Ann. He is travelled to be

CORR. RECORDS:--The name of Thomas Ann is found upon the

0 This Thomas Ann is living in me. A Yes, sir.

4003, Thomas Ann, Illi nota District, examined and exhibited a name found. Gibson, date 30th.

The 1800 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation

0 Are they both dead? Yes, sir.

0 See this child? Yes, sir.

0 lived with me six or eight months. born while they were living together

0 Recognized in the Commission as man and wife. A Yes, sir; then

0 Did you know first they lived together as man and wife?

0 Now was Thomas Ann and Sabirone Ann married. A No, sir.

0 4003, Gibson, Illinois District, netion examined and exhibited a father, a name found Gibson,

the 1800 Census located Roll of citizens of the Cherokee

0 Was his father a citizen? A Yes, sir.

0 Was Sabirone Ann a citizen? A Yes, sir.

0 No, sir. I don't know what she lived before she came here.

0 Did she (The mother of the person) live in Coosawakee at one time?

0 Yes, she lived there. A Yes, sir.

0 What was her name? A Yes, sir.

0 Is she living? A Yes, sir.

0 What is her name? A Yes, sir.

0 How old is she? A About 14 years old.

0 When do you desire to emigrate? A Nephew of mine, Thomas Ann.

0 Yes, sir. A Yes, sir.

0 What is the name of the Cherokee Nation? A Yes, sir.

0 What is your best office? A Bolt Gibson.

0 What is your name? A About 38.

0 as follows:

being sworn and examined by Commissioner, T. B. Meekins, testified in the matter of the application of James Ann for the grant-

JOHN GIBSON, T.T., VERDICT, 1800.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE CHIEF JUSTICE, T.B.  
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
FORT GIBSON, I.T., APRIL 25th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Vann for the enrollment of his nephew, THOMAS VANN, as a Cherokee Freedman; said Vann being sworn and examined by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A James Vann.  
Q What is your age? A About 38.  
Q What is your post office? A Fort Gibson.  
Q What district do you live in? A Cherokee Nation.  
Q Well, what district in the Cherokee Nation? A Illinois.  
Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee Nation, Freedman?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Whom do you desire to enroll? A Nephew of mine, Thomas Vann.  
Q How old is he? A About 14 years old.  
Q What is his mother's name? A Saphrona.  
Q Is she living? A No, sir, she is dead.  
Q What is his father's name? A Lincoln Vann.  
Q Is he living? A No, sir.  
Q This boy is an orphan then? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are you his guardian? A Yes, sir.  
Q You have custody of his person? A He is not living with me.  
Q Did she (The mother of Thomas) live in Coweeseoowee at one time?  
A No, sir, I don't know where she lived before she came here.  
Q Was Saphrona Vann a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes, sir.  
Q Was his father a citizen? A Yes, sir.

The 1880 Authenticated Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's father's name found thereon, page 588, #2089, Lincoln Vann, Illinois District.

- Q Now was Lincoln Vann and Saphrona Vann married? A No, sir.  
Q Did you know that they lived together as man and wife?  
A Yes, sir.  
Q Recognized in the Community as man and wife? A Yes, sir; they lived with me six or eight months.  
Q Was this child, Thomas Vann, born while they were living together as man and wife? A Yes, sir.  
Q Are they both dead? A Yes, sir.

The 1896 Census Roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant's name found thereon, page 968, #709, Tommy Vann, Illinois District.

- Q This Thomas Vann is living is he? A Yes, sir.

COM'R NEEDLES:--The name of Thomas Vann is found upon the census roll of 1896 as Tommy Vann. He is averred to be the child of Saphrona and Lincoln Vann and the name of Lincoln Vann is found upon the authenticated roll of 1880. The name of Saphrona Vann is not found upon said roll, it being averred that she is a non-citizen. She is now deceased. Satisfactory proof is made as to their marriage and also ~~satisfactory~~ satisfactory proof as to the residence of Thomas, consequently said Thomas Vann will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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J. O. Rosson, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case, and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of April, 1901.



Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN.

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date April 25 1901  
 Post Office St. Lebanon 29  
 District Illinois

1. Name ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father ..... Citizenship .....

Mother ..... Citizenship .....

2. Name of wife ..... Age .....

Owner's name ..... Citizenship .....

Year ..... Page ..... No. .... District .....

Parents:

Father Lincoln Vann ..... Citizenship .....

Mother Sophronia ..... Citizenship .....

Names of Children:

3. Thomas Vann Year 1896 Page 968 No. 709 Dist. Ill 14

4. Year ..... Page ..... No. .... Dist. ....

5. Year ..... Page ..... No. .... Dist. ....

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12. Year ..... Page ..... No. .... Dist. ....

Application made by James Vann Stenographer J. Ross

On 1896, roll as John Vann

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 26th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Henry Wilson for the enrollment of himself, his wife and two children as Cherokee Freedmen- He being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:  
(Also for the enrollment of a step child, Alfred Campbell )

- Q What is your name? A. Henry Wilson.  
Q What is your age? A. 34.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Tahlequah.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Tahlequah.  
Q Do you apply to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My wife and two children.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied for enrollment as a Freedman of any other tribe or nation? A. No sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Lizzie.  
Q What is her age? A. 38.  
Q What are the names of your children? A. John  
Q How old is John? A. 8.  
Q Next child? A. Anna M.  
Q How old is she? A. 14 months.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 826, No. 2715, Nick Wilson

- Q What is your wife's father's name? A. Tom Hicks.  
Q What is her mother's name? A. Mary Funkhouser.  
Q Are they living? A. No sir.  
Q What was your wife's name before you married her? A. Williams.  
Q Was she married before she married you? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's wife identified thereon as follows: Page 605, ~~4222~~ Lizzie Williams, Illinois district.  
#2229

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicants identified thereon as follows:  
Page 1328, No. 637, Nick Wilson, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1328, No. 638, Lizzie Wilson, Tahlequah district.  
Page 1328, No. 640, John Wilson, Tahlequah district.

STATEMENT BY THE APPLICANT: " I have a step child that I want to have enrolled"

- Q ( By Com'r Needles ) Q What is its name? A. Alfred Campbell.  
Q How old is that child? A. 14 or 15.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant's step child identified as follows:  
Page 1328, No. 639, Alfred Wilson, Tahlequah district.

- Q The name of Nick Wilson appears on the authenticated roll of 1880, is that intended for you? A. Yes sir. My grandmother always called me that and I was enrolled by that name.  
Q Was your wife married before she married you? A. Yes sir twice.  
Q What was the name of her first husband? A. Andy Starr.  
Q What was the name of her second husband? A. Sam Williams.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation since 1880? A. Yes sir  
Q Your wife also? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are these children, John and Anna M. Wilson living now? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is Alfred Campbell living now and with you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who is the mother of Alfred Campbell? A. My wife Lizzie.  
Q Was she ever married to a man named Campbell? A. No sir.

By L. B. Bell, Cherokee Nation's attorney-

Henry Wilson 2.

Q Was your wife a Cherokee Freedman? A. Her name is on the 80 roll.  
Q I ask you if she is a Cherokee Freedman? A. I don't know, she is on the 1880 roll that is all I know.  
Q As a matter of fact she is not a Cherokee Freedman is it not? A. I don't know, she always claimed to be—her mother though belonged to a man in Arkansas, and her father to a man in the Cherokee Nation and she claimed her right through her father; that is all I know.

By the Commission.

Q Where was your wife in 1880? A. In Illinois district.  
Q You say that her mother belonged to a man in Arkansas? A. Yes sir.  
Q White man? A. Yes sir.  
Q And her father belonged to a Cherokee? A. She was always taught that but she don't know herself.

By the Cherokee Nation—

Q Your wife's mother belonged to old Funkhouser in Arkansas? A. Yes sir

By L.B. Bell, Cherokee Nation's Attorney:

The Cherokee Nation protests against the enrollment of the applicants wife and of the applicant's step child Alfred Campbell, for the reason that they are on the 1880 roll by fraud and that the law does not contemplate that such persons shall be enrolled.

By Com'r Needles:—

The name of Henry Wilson is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Nick Wilson and on the 1896 census roll as Nick Wilson, and is duly identified as the applicant. He applied for the enrollment of himself, his wife and two children John and Anna M. Wilson and for a step child, Alfred Campbell. The name of his wife, Lizzie, is found on the authenticated roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896, and the name of the child John Wilson is found on the census roll of 1896; the name of the youngest child, Anna M. Wilson is not found on said roll having been born since same was compiled. The name of his step child, Alfred Campbell is found on the census roll of 1896 as Alfred Wilson, and is duly identified as the child applied for. They are all duly identified according to the page and number of the rolls as indicated in the testimony, and make satisfactory proof as to residence, consequently the said Henry Wilson, and his wife Lizzie Wilson and their two children John and Anna M. Wilson and the step child, Alfred Campbell, will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of his younger child, Anna M. Wilson it will be necessary for him to file with the Commission a certificate as to its birth.

Now comes the Cherokee Nation and through its representative L. B. Bell, protests the enrollment of the applicants wife Lizzie and averring that she never belonged to a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and this protest also extends to her child Alfred Campbell, he having been born to said Lizzie Wilson out of wedlock. Her name is on the authenticated roll of 1880 as Lizzie Williams, she having at one time, to-wit in the year 1880 a husband named Sam Williams, now deceased.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein,

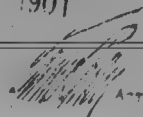
of April, 1891, at Fort Gibson, I.T.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 28th 1901,  
  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN.

## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date

APR 26 1901

Post Office

Wahquash, Ia.

District

Wahquash

1. Name

Henry Wilson

Age 34

Owner's name

Year 1880

Page 526

No. 2713

District

Citizenship

Tah

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

2. Name of wife

Lizzie Wilson

Age 38

Owner's name

Year 1880

Page 605

No. 2229

District

Citizenship

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Parents:

Father

Thos. Hick - dead

Citizenship

Mother

Mary Fankhauser - dead

Citizenship

Names of Children:

3.

John Wilson

Year 1896

Page 1328

No. 640

Dist.

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4.

Angie M.

Year

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Dist.

5.

Alfred Campbell

Year 1896

Page 1328

No. 639

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Application made by

Wm. I.

Stenographer

Charles W. Weise

1. On 1880 roll as

Nick Wilson

1 " 1896

Page 1328

No. 637

- Nick Wilson - Tah

2 " 1880

as

Lizzie Williams

2 " 1896

Page 1328

No. 638

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5 " 1896

as

Alfred Wilson

4. Affidavit of birth to be supplied.

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CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Anna M Wilson*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved

Commissioner.

COMMISSIONER

MAY 17 1902

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Anna M Nelson, born on the 25 day of February, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: Henry Nelson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lizzie Nelson, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office: Tahlequah, Id.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Lizzie Nelson, on oath state that I am 38  
years of age and a citizen, by Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Nelson, who is a citizen, by  
Adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on the 25 day of Feb., 1900; that said child has been  
named Anna M Nelson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Lizzie Nelson mark  
Charles Binger  
Witness

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Jan., 1902.

Geo. J. Haver  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY.

District.

I, Anna Perry, a Midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lizzie Nelson, wife of Henry Nelson,  
on the 25 day of Feb., 1902; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Anna M Nelson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of Jan., 1902.

Geo. J. Haver  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Alvina M'Idaon  
as a citizen of

Churasha Nation.

Approved

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L. A. Bucknutt  
Commissioner.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

Florence Wilson

an R citizen of

Cherokee

Nation.

Approved

Aug 6 1903

C. R. McChesney  
Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the Fredman Cherokee Nation,  
of Florence Wilson, born on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1902  
(Here insert name of child.)  
Name of Father: Henry Wilson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Lizzie Wilson a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office Tahlequah, Ok.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Lizzie Wilson, on oath state that I am 39  
years of age and a citizen, by Fredman, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful wife of Henry Wilson, who is a citizen, by Fredman,  
of the Cherokee Nation; that a Female child was  
(male or female.)  
born to me on 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1902 that said child has been  
named Florence Wilson, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)  
J. H. Morgan  
J. R. Brian

Lizzie X Wilson  
mark

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10 day of November, 1902

J. S. Bayles  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Northern District.

I, Mary Johnson, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Lizzie Wilson, wife of Henry Wilson  
on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of July, 1902 that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female.)  
named Florence Wilson.

WITNESSES TO MARK:  
(Must be Two Witnesses.)

Mary Johnson

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1902

J. S. Bayles  
NOTARY PUBLIC.

Cherokee Freedmen 663.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
Lizzie Wilson and her minor child, Alfred Campbell, as Cherokee  
Freedmen.

DECISION.

The record in this case shows that on April 26, 1901, Henry Wilson appeared before the Commission at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of his wife, Lizzie, and her minor child, Alfred Campbell, as Cherokee Freedmen. The application, also, included Henry Wilson, John Wilson and Anna M. Wilson, but they are not embraced in this decision, their names being upon the partial roll of Cherokee Freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, on January 16, 1903, at numbers 1664, 1665, and 1666.

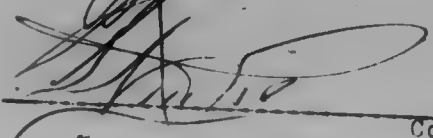
The evidence shows that the said Lizzie Wilson is identified on the 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation, by the name of Lizzie Williams; and that the said Alfred Campbell is her son, born since the date of said roll.

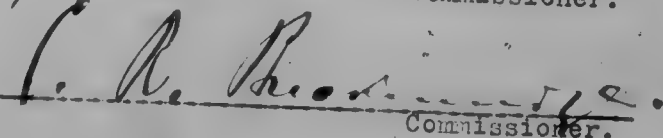
The evidence further shows that the applicant, Lizzie Wilson, has resided in the Cherokee Nation, continuously, from 1880 up to and including the date of this application. The residence of the minor applicant, Alfred Campbell, is considered to have been with his mother.

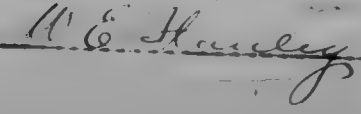
It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Lizzie Wilson and Alfred Campbell should be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen, in accordance with the provisions of section twenty-one of the act of Congress, approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 495), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

  
Chairman.

  
Commissioner.

  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this MAR 5 1901

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COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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**Enrollment Clerk.**

Cherokee Freedman  
663.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, September 10, 1902.

Henry Wilson,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:-

The affidavit which you send as to the birth of your child, Florence Wilson, is herewith returned to you and your attention is called to the fact that the Notary before whom your wife executed her affidavit as to the birth of this child also witnesses as an ordinary witness, signature by mark. The Commission requires that all signatures by mark be witnessed by two persons other than the Notary taking the acknowledgement.

Please have this affidavit corrected in this particular and return to the Commission as promptly as possible.

Yours truly,

Acting Chairman.

Enc. - P-56.

Cherokee F-663.

Vinita, Indian Territory, March 6th, 1903.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

I have the honor to transmit herewith the record in the matter of the application of Henry Wilson, et al, Freedmen #663, so far as it relates to Lizzie Wilson and her child Alfred Campbell.

The Cherokee Nation protests against the enrollment of these two applicants and a decision is, therefore, respectfully recommended.

The other applicants herein have been scheduled, their enrollment numbers being respectively 1664, 1665 and 1666.

Respectfully,

Clerk in Charge.

Enc. C-56.  
JOC.

Cherokee Freedmen  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 16, 1904.

W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,  
Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith inclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, granting the application of Henry Wilson for the enrollment of his wife, Lizzie Wilson, and her minor child, Alfred Campbell, as Cherokee freedmen.

You are advised that you will be allowed fifteen days from the date hereof within which to file such protest as you may desire to make against the action of the Commission in this case. If you fail to file protest within the time allowed this decision will be considered final.

Respectfully,

Encl. V-17.

Commissioner in Charge.

Cherokee Freedmen  
#663.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, April 9, 1904.

Henry Wilson,

Tahlequah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated March 5, 1904, granting your application for the enrollment of your wife, Lizzie Wilson, and her minor child, Alfred Campbell, as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

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Enc. D-1.

Commissioner in Charge.



Freedmen F-663.

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, March 28, 1904.

Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
(Cherokee Enrollment Division)  
Kuskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In Commission's letter of March 18th a memorandum was inclosed, among others, of notes stamped upon copy of Cherokee Freedmen card No. 663 retained in the general office of the Commission, the same being the application of Lizzie Wilson, et al., as follows:

Granted as to #2 & 3  
Decision rendered  
Mar. 5, 1904.

Copy of Decision Forwarded  
Attorney for Cherokee Nation  
Mar. 16, 1904.

Notes have heretofore been stamped upon the original card in the possession of this office, as follows:

Granted as to 1 & 3  
Decision rendered  
Jul. 10, 1903.

Copy of Decision Forwarded  
Attorney for Cherokee Nation  
Jul. 17, 1903.

The decision of the Commission is not contained in the original record in the application of Lizzie Wilson, et al., and you are requested to advise this office as to the discrepancies in notes advised to be stamped upon the original card in the case.

Respectfully,

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 26th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Jennie Boudinot for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman- She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Jennie Boudinot.  
Q What is your age? A. 61.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you apply for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you recognized as a Cherokee Freedman by the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the rolls of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir it ought to be.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. Just myself. My children is all grown; I have five of them  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir I was.  
Q What is your husbands name? A. Alex Boudinot.  
Q Is he dead? A. No sir.  
Q Do you live with him? A. No sir.  
Q What district were you living in 20 years ago? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Were you taken out during the war? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where to? A. Taken to Texas.  
Q When did you come back? A. My master brought me back in '66.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 195, No. 3066, Jennie Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Do you live with Boudinot now? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always lived in Cooweescoowee district? A. No sir in Delaware

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 627, No. 20, Jennie Boudinot, Delaware district.

By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Jennie Boudinot appears on the 1880 authenticated roll of 1880 as Jennie Vann, that having been the name of her owner; she has since married a man named Boudinot, and her name appears on the census roll of 1896 as Jennie Boudinot; she is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to her residence and she will be listed for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn ~~in the presence of the Commissioner~~ states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  
*T. B. Needles*

Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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 ACTING CHAIRMAN

MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901

Post Office Chautau, S.C.

District Brownsville

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Page \_\_\_\_\_ No. \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 Name of wife Jennie Bondurant Age 26 6/1

Owners name \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Year 1860 Page 193 No. 3066 District 600

Parents:

Father \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Mother \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Names of Children:

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Application made by

Jennie Bondurant Stenographer Jas. von Weise

100/1846 roll

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 26th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Mattie Thomas for the enrollment of her self and one child as Cherokee Freedmen- She being sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Mattie Thomas.  
Q How old are you? A. 38.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Chouteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My child  
Q What is its name? A. Sammie O.  
Q How old is it? A. 10 months.  
Q Are you married? A. No sir have been though.  
Q What is your father's name? A. Mosier.  
Q What is his first name? A. Lou.  
Q Is he living? A. No sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Jennie Vann.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Ed Thomas.  
Q Is he living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is he a Cherokee citizen? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.

The 1880 authenticated roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 146, No. 8044, Mattie Mosier, Cooweescoowee district.

- Q Is your name Hattie or Mattie? A. My name is Mattie but they always calls me Hattie.

The 1896 census roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the applicant identified thereon as follows:  
Page 634, No. 110, Mattie Mosier, Delaware district.

- Q Is the Hattie found on these rolls intended for you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Your maiden name was Mosier? A. Yes sir.


By Com'r Needles,-

The name of Mattie Thomas is found on the authenticate roll of 1880 and the census roll of 1896 as Mattie Mosier, that having been her maiden name; she has since married one Ed Thomas a non citizen by whom she has one child, Sammie O. whose name is not on said roll having been born since it was compiled. Said Mattie Thomas is duly identified and makes satisfactory proof as to her residence, consequently she and her child Sammie O. will be listed for enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen. In order to complete the enrollment of the child Sammie O. Thomas, it will be necessary for her to file with this Commission, proof of its birth.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

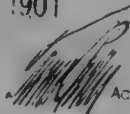
Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weise*  


Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901Post Office Cherokee D.C.District Cor

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Age

Owner's name

Citizenship

Year

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

1. Name of wife Mattie ThomasAge 28

Owners name

Citizenship

Year 1890Page 146No. 2044District Cor

Parents:

Father Sam Messer - dead

Citizenship

Mother Jennie Vann - livingCitizenship Cher. Fre

Names of Children

2. Jennie C. Thomas

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Application made by Me, 1Stenographer Chas. von WeiseOn 1890 roll as Mattie Messer1. 1896 Page 634 #110 Mattie Messer, Del.2 aff. of birth to be supplied.

CHEROKEE FREEDMAN.

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IN RE

Application for Enrollment of

INFANT CHILD

*Samuel Thomas*

as a citizen of

CHEROKEE Nation.

Approved,

1901

*[Signature]*  
Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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*[Signature]*  
ACTING CHAIRMAN.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

IN/RE Application for Enrollment, as a citizen of the **CHEROKEE** Nation,  
of Sammir C Thomas, born on the 27 day of June, 1900  
(Here insert name of child)  
Name of Father: John H. Rider, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Name of Mother: Mattie Thomas, a citizen of the Cherokee Nation.  
Post-office, Chouteau, St.

## AFFIDAVIT OF MOTHER.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Arthur District.

I, Mattie Thomas, on oath state that I am 28  
years of age and a citizen, by adoption, of the Cherokee Nation;  
that I am the lawful <sup>not</sup> wife of John H. Rider, who is a citizen, by  
adoption, of the Cherokee Nation, that a Female child was  
(male or female)  
born to me on the 27 day of June, 1900; that said child has been  
named Sammir C Thomas, and is now living.

WITNESSES TO MARK

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1901.

J. B. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

## AFFIDAVIT OF ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, OR MIDWIFE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,

Arthur District.

I, Jimmie Vann, a midwife, on oath state that I  
attended on Mrs. Mattie Thomas, <sup>not</sup> wife of John H. Rider,  
on the 27 day of June, 1900; that there was born to her on  
said date a Female child; that said child is now living and is said to have been  
(male or female)  
named Sammir C Thomas.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must be Two  
Witnesses)

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 26 day of April, 1901.

J. B. Bludsoe

NOTARY PUBLIC.

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Cherokee F-665.

~~Allotment F-1668~~

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES,  
CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.  
Tahlequah, I. T., June 28, 1905.

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In the matter of the application of Mattie Thomas for the enrollment of herself and child, Sammie C. Thomas, as Cherokee Freedmen. No. F-665.

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JOHN H. RIDER, being duly sworn by Joe Chambers, a Notary Public, and examined by the Commission, testified as follows:----

- Q What is your name? A John H. Rider.  
Q How old are you? A 31 years old.  
Q What is your post-office? A Choteau.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q What is the name of your father? A James Rider/  
Q And your mother? A Catherine.  
Q Have you married since you filed? A Yes sir, married the 25th of December.  
Q What year? A 1904.  
Q What is the name of your wife? A Mattie.  
Q What is the name of her father? A I don't know.  
Q Has she a child named Sammie C. Thomas? A Yes sir. Sammie C. Rider. It's my child but it is on the roll as Thomas, under her name.  
Q Is the child living? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you and your wife living together now? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you got your marriage license with you? A No sir, at home.  
Q Out of what court was it issued? A Northern District at Pryor Creek. I got it from J. C. Burgess, clerk.  
Q When? A The 24th day of December, 1904.  
Q Who married you? A J. J. Johnson, a licensed minister.

BY THE COMMISSION: ---

A set of this testimony will be filed with Cherokee Allotment Case No. F-1668.

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Joe Chambers, being duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a true and complete copy of his stenographic notes.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 29th day of June, 1905.

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*Samuel Foreman*  
Notary Public.

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ACTING CHAIRMAN



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Fort Gibson, I. T. April, 26th 1901.

In the matter of the application of James Vann for the enrollment of himself and three children as Cherokee Freedmen; He being sworn by Com'r T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

What is your name? A. James Vann.  
Q How old are you? A. 46.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Couteau.  
Q In what district do you live? A. Cooweescoowee.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Have you ever applied to be enrolled as a Freedman of any other nation or tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Did you ever draw any money from any other nation or tribe? A. No sir.  
Q Have you always been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Always has been.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. My children.  
Q How many? A. Three.  
Q What are their names? A. William.  
Q How old? A. 19.  
Q Next child? A. George.  
Q How old? A. 17.  
Q Next child? A. Cleveland.  
Q How old? A. 15.  
Q Are you married? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your wife's name? A. Ann.  
Q Is she a citizen? A. No sir.  
Q What was her maiden name? A. Grayson.  
Q Is she living? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she the mother of these children? A. No sir.  
Q Who was the mother of William? A. Nancy Vann.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who was the mother of George? A. Same mother for all them kids.  
Q Were you married to Nancy Vann? A. Yes sir.  
Q Is she living? A. No sir.  
Q How old would she be were she living now? A. She has been dead 13 year.  
Q What was her maiden name? A. Grayson—she used to belong to Ben Mash—her mother did.  
Q Why is your name not on the roll of 1880? A. I can't tell you.  
Q Have you always lived in Cooweescoowee district? A. Ever since about the '70's, somewhere along here—no not in the '70's—lets see—I don't just remember the year that we moved there to Cooweescoowee.  
Q Were you a slave? A. Yes sir.  
Q What was your owners name? A. Gil Vann.  
Q Was he a Cherokee citizen? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where were you born? A. On Spring Creek.  
Q In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q Didn't go out during the war did you? A. Yes sir.  
Q Where to? A. Went to Kansas.  
Q When did you return to the Cherokee Nation after the war? A. In '66.  
Q Have you lived here ever since? A. Yes sir.  
Q Why is your name not on the roll of 1880? A. I don't know; I can prove by witnesses right here in the house that I was enrolled in 1880.

L. D. DANIELS, called and sworn as a witness, testified as follows:

Q What is your name? A. L. D. Daniels.  
Q What is your post office address? A. Claremore.  
Q Are you a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your age? A. 56.  
Q Do you know the applicant James Vann? A. Yes sir.  
Q How long have you known him? A. Ever since August of 1866.  
Q Was he in the Cherokee Nation in 1880? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know where he was during the war? A. No sir not of my own knowledge.  
Q Has he been living here ever since 1866? A. Yes sir.  
Q Do you know the reason that his name is not on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir it is just a mistake; the census takers, Mr. Hicks and Dick Buck

James Vann 2.

when they was taking the census up there, they come to my house and gotme to go and get all the peoples around there to come up and enroll and I went round and saw them, and when I got to where this man and his wife lived I found that they had left and gone on Big Creek and I ~~can't~~ couldn't get them, and so when they got back and wanted to get on, the census takers they said that all the Big Creek negroes had been doubtfull as they were said to be all Kansas negroes that was living on Big Creek.

Q You saw that you saw him in the Cherokee Nation in 1886? A. Yes sir.

By Commission of Applicant :

Q You say Nancy Vann is dead? A. Yes sir.

Q How old would she be now if she were living? A. About 40.

Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A. It might be.

Q Who did you say she belonged to? A. Ben Mush, her mother did.

Q Were you married to Nancy? A. Yes sir.

Q got any certificate of your marriage? A. No sir.

Q Is there any one here who knows that you and Nancy were married? A. I guess Mr. Daniels knows—that Delaware man, Bill Adams, that Delaware man he married us.

L. D. DANIELS, re-called ( Examined by Gen'l Woodless )

Q Did you know Nancy Vann the former wife of James Vann? A. Yes sir.

Q Was she a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.

Q Do you know that they were married? A. No sir I dont know hat they were married but I know that they were living together as man and wife and had three children.

Q And these three children were born while they were living together as man and wife were they? A. Yes sir.

By Commissioner of Applicant-

Q What is your mothers name? A. Jennie Vann.

Q Is her name on the roll of 1880? A. Yes sir.

Q In 1896 you were in Cooweescoowee were you? A. Yes sir.

Q Did you draw Strip money? A. Yes sir I drew twice.

Kerns Clifton roll of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicants identified thereon as follows:

Page 106, No. 2636, James Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 106 No. 2639, Will Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 106 No. 2640, George Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

Page 106 No. 2641, Cleveland Vann, Cooweescoowee district.

The 1880, and 1896 rolls of the Cherokee Nation examined and the names of the applicants ~~identified thereon~~ not identified thereon

Q You say Jennie Vann is your mother? A. Yes sir.

Q Was she in Kansas during the war? A. No sir.

Q You were you say? A. Yes sir.

Q Did your mother go out during the war? A. Yes sir.

Q Where did she go? A. South.

Q Did you return before her or afterwards? A. I dont know—I got here—she was here at Fort Smith Gibson and we went down and got her—my uncle did when we got there on Grand river.

By the Cherokee Representative, L. E. Bell.

Q You say you went south? A. No sir.

Q North? A. Yes sir.

Q Who came back with you? A. George Magrove, Jenn Vann, and George Eaton.

James Vann 5.

Commissioner T. B. Needles,-

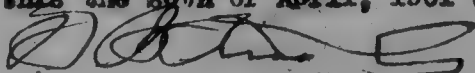
James Vann applies for the enrollment of himself and three children. He swears that he was married to Nancy Vann and makes satisfactory proof as to his marriage, and he swears that by said marriage he has three children William, George and Cleveland. Their names are not on the roll of 1880 or 1886, but the names of all of them are on the Kears Clifton roll. He makes satisfactory proof as to his residence consequently he will be listed for enrollment with his three children as noted in his testimony as Cherokee Freedmen.

Comes now the Cherokee Nation through its representative L.B. Bell and protests against the enrollment of the said James Vann and his three children in order that they may further investigate the matter.

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Chas. von Weisgenbeing sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above case and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes herein.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 26th of April, 1901 at Fort Gibson, I. T.

*Chas von Weisgenbeing*  


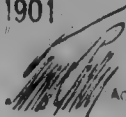
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## MEMORANDUM OF APPLICATION.

## CHEROKEE FREEDMEN.

Date APR 26 1901Post Office Bhontan S.F.District Gov1. Name James VannAge 46Owner's name Carl VannCitizenship CherokeeYear 1896Page 106No. 2636District Gov

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother Jennie BonshoffCitizenship B.F.

2. Name of wife

Age

Owners name

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District

Parents:

Father

Citizenship

Mother

Citizenship

Names of Children:

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Application made by Wm. I.Stenographer Chas von Weise2 On K<sup>nd</sup> Roll as Will VannProtested by Chas. ref.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T. May 18th 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Williams for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman— She being sworn by Commissioner C. R. Breckinridge, testified as follows:

- Q What is your name? A. Martha Williams.  
Q How old are you? A. 21.  
Q What district do you live in? A. Cooweescoowea.  
Q Do you want to be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Who do you want to have enrolled besides yourself? A. No one.  
Q You have a husband have you not? A. Yes sir.  
Q Does he claim to be a Cherokee Freedman? A. Yes sir.  
Q Why don't you apply for him? A. He has been enrolled.  
Q What is your husband's name? A. Gus Williams.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A. I was born in the Cherokee Nation.  
Q Have you lived there all your life? A. Yes sir.  
Q Are you a recognized Freedman of the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your father's name? A. James Neal.  
Q Is your father alive? A. Yes sir.  
Q What is your mother's name? A. Nancy Neal.  
Q Is she alive? A. No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A. 11 years going on 12 years.  
Q How long have you been married? A. 2 years.  
Q Is there any one here that knows that you and your husband are living together as man and wife? A. No sir I don't think there is.

The 1880, 1896, Kerns Clifton and Wallace rolls of the Cherokee Nation examined and the name of the applicant not found on either of them.

- Q Have you any evidence of your citizenship? A. No sir not here.  
Q Has your father applied for enrollment? A. No sir.

Wallace and Kerns Clifton rolls searched for her father and he is not found thereon.

By Com'r Breckinridge,—

The applicant states that she has lived in the Cherokee Nation all her life, and she applies for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman; she gives her age as 21 years, she is not identified on the roll of 1880 or upon the Wallace or Kerns-Clifton rolls or upon the census roll of 1896. She testifies that her mother has been dead 11 years and that her father is still living. Her mother is not identified on the roll of 1880 and all the rolls in the possession of the Commission have been searched for her father and he cannot be identified on any of them. She affirms that she married two years ago, and introduces no evidence at this time to establish her change of name by marriage. Under the conditions as set forth, there is not seen any grounds to enroll the applicant at this time and she will be listed as a Cherokee Freedman for rejection.

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Chas. von Weise, being sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he reported in full all the proceedings in the above cause and that the foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of his stenographic notes therein.

*Chas von Weise*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 23rd of May, 1901 at Vinita, I. T.

*C. R. Breckinridge*

Commissioner.

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Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I.T., May 20, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Martha Williams for the enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman;  
Being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, she testified as follows:

- Q What is your name at this time? A Martha Williams.  
Q Now you apply for enrollment ~~xx-xx~~ day before yesterday didn't you? A Yes sir.  
Q Your testimony has not been written up yet? A No sir.  
Q But as I remember your testimony, you gave your name before your marriage as Martha Neal? A Yes sir, but it was the wrong name.  
Q How did you happen not to know your own name? A My father goes by the name of Jim Neal and I never had to put my name down before.  
Q What name did your mother go by? A She went by Vann.  
Q And you think then you are enrolled as Martha Vann? A Yes sir, before I was married.  
Q Might you be enrolled as Martha Neal Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q How old are you? A 21.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q As I haven't got your original testimony here I will ask you to give me again the name of your father? A James Vann.  
Q Did they ever call him James Neal Vann or just James Vann? A They call him James Neal for short, but he goes by Jim Vann.  
Q Your father is alive? A Yes sir.  
Q And give me the name of your mother? A Nancy Vann.  
Q Did they ever call her Nancy Neal Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she alive? A No sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A She has been dead about 11 years.  
Q You just apply for yourself? A Yes sir.

JERRY BUTLER, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Brackinridge, testified as follows:

- Q Give your name? A Jerry Butler.  
Q How old are you? A 43.  
Q What is your post-office? A Chouteau Station.  
Q How long have you lived in the Cherokee Nation? A All my life.  
Q Do you know this woman here? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her father? A Jim Vann is his right name; he goes by the name of Jim Neal.  
Q He is alive? A Yes sir.  
Q Give me the name of her mother? A Nancy Vann.  
Q Is she dead? A Yes sir.  
Q How long has she been dead? A I disremember, she must have been dead 10 or 11 years, somewhere along there.  
Q Do you know ~~xxx~~ the applicant's father well? A Yes sir.  
Q How old is he, about? A He is a man about 48 years old.  
Q Was he a slave in the Cherokee Nation at the time the war broke out? A Yes sir.  
Q You consider him a recognized Cherokee Freedman do you? A Yes sir.  
Q Well now, what's the applicant's mother, a Cherokee Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q She was a slave too was she? A Yes sir, I guess she was; I couldn't say about her.  
Q It was your understanding she was a Freedman? A Yes sir.  
Q To whom did the applicant's father belong? A To old Joe Vann, I guess, as well as I can remember, I think it was Joe Vann.

Applicant, MARTHA WILLIAMS, re-called, examined by Com'r Brackinridge, stated:

- Q Has your father applied for enrollment yet? A Yes sir.

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Witness, JERRY BUTLER, re-called;

By Com'r Breckinridge:

- Q Do you know to whom the applicant's mother belonged at the time the War broke out? A No sir.
- Q How long did you know the applicant's mother? A I have known her I guess about 25 years.
- Q How old was she when she died? A She must have been a woman about 35 I guess.
- Q Did you know her before she married? A Yes sir.
- Q You knew her when she was a girl? A Yes sir.
- Q Was James Neal Vann her first husband? A First that I know of.
- Q You knew her before she was married at all didn't you? A Yes sir, I never heard of her being married after they left us; they lived up here on Cabin and we lived on Grand River.
- Q Was James Neal Vann ever married before he married this woman? A No sir.
- Q Do you know this woman, personally, as the daughter of James Neal Vann and the deceased mother, Mary? A Yes sir.
- Q This woman is married now? A Yes sir.
- Q To whom is she married? A Gus Williams.
- Q Has this woman got some full brothers and sisters? A Yes sir.
- Q Give me the names of some of the full brothers? A Rufus Niels, George Niels; Cleveland Niels; and Sam Niels, he is dead.
- Q How old is Cleveland? A He must be about 13 or 14.
- Q How old is George? A About 15 or 16.
- Q Are their names Vann, you call them Niel, you mean Niel or Vann? A We call him Niel; we call him Niel all the time.
- Q Either one? A Yes sir.
- Q Has he married since this woman died? A Yes sir.
- Q Wasn't he got a little child about 3 years old? A No sir.
- Applicant, MARTHA WILLIAMS, re-called;
- Examined by Com'r Breckinridge:
- Q Have you got a full-brother named William? A Yes sir.
- Q These are all your children of your mother Nancy are they? A Yes sir.

1880 authenticated roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and parents and names not found;

1886 census roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined for applicant and parents and names not found thereon.

Witness, JERRY BUTLER, re-called;

Examined by Com'r Breckinridge:

- Q Who did James Vann have in his family in 1880 besides this woman, that was old enough to be there on that roll? A ~~Sarah~~ Sarah and Rufus and Martha and Will, I think Will was the baby.
- Q And then his wife, Nancy was living? A Yes sir.

Kerns-Clifton pay roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified as follows:  
page 106 #2638 Martha Vann, Cooweescoowee District;

Wallace roll of citizens of the Cherokee Nation examined and applicant identified as follows:  
page 153 #3194 Martha Vann, Cooweescoowee District.

Com'r Breckinridge: This will be filed with what is now Cherokee Freedman case R 38; it is shown by this additional testimony that the applicant is on the Wallace and the Kerns-Clifton roll; an error was made in the original application in the applicant's maiden name; the former rejected card 38, will be cancelled, and in substitution therefor, the applicant will be placed upon a doubtful card, and reference is made for fuller evidence in her case to straight card 666, Cherokee Freedman, the same being the card of the applicant's father, an three full brothers, which straight enrolment, however, has been protested against by the Cherokee Representatives; but that case will indicate what to be considered pertinent in this case.

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that case will indicate what is considered pertinent in the further proceedings; at present the applicant is not identified upon the roll of 1880 or upon the census roll of 1896; neither has a search of the rolls been able to reveal the enrollment of her father and mother her deceased mother; the applicant's change of name arising from marriage is established in a satisfactory manner.

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M. D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

M. D. Green

Subscribed and sworn to before me this May 21, 1901.

W. H. Harrison

Commissioner.

SUPPLEMENTAL: Straight Cherokee Freedman #666

Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Nowata, I.T., June 18, 1901.

In the matter of the enrollment of James Vann as a Cherokee Freed man;  
GEORGE HUSGROVE, being sworn and examined by Commissioner Needles testified as follows:

Appearances:

I. P. Bledsoe, agent for the applicant;  
W. W. Hastings, attorney for the Cherokee Nation.

Q What is your name? A George Husgrove.

Q What is your age? A About 60 or 65.

Q What is your post-office? A Lenapah.

BY MR. BLEDSOE:

Q How long have you known James Vann? A Ever since he was a little bit of a boy.

Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.

Q Who was he a slave of? A Old man Joe Vann.

Q Who was his mother? A Old aunt Jennie Vann.

Q Was James Vann taken out of this country during the war?

A Yes sir.

Q When did he come back? A He come back in '66 with me.

Q You brought him back in '66? A Yes sir.

Q Has James Vann remained here since that time, or do you know?

A Yes sir, so far as I know.

Q You know why his name is not upon the roll of 1880? A I can tell you some of it, Mr. Ross went up here when we was all on Verdigris and went out to take our census, Rufus was the one, and he asked Jim when he come and Jim told him he come back with me, and he asked Jim when did his wife come in and Jim told him they called her doubtful, didn't come in time, Jim told him didn't come in time, his wife didn't, and I guess he must have ~~been~~ put Jim's name on some with her, ~~but~~ he put her on their doubtful list, and Jim never did draw any money, when we went to Vinita to draw money Jim never got any, but Jim come back with me in time, I was sitting right in the house when Rufus was taking their names.

Q You know whether Jim Vann has ever been recognized by the Cherokee authorities as a citizen? A Not as I know of.

Q You know any of his brothers or sisters? A Yes sir.

Q Tell them? A Ardy Cordray and Tobie Middleton.

Q Any more? A They aint no more of them.

Q What about Mattie Mosier? A She is a sister of his, and a citizen.

Q You know whether any of these people are on the 1880 roll or not?

A I don't know.

Q You are upon the 1880 roll are you? A Yes I am on all of them rolls; never went nowhere else to get off of them.

Q You know these children that he a peck of here, any of his children, if so mention them? Do you know any of Jim Vann's children?

A Yes sir, Sam, Rufus, Will, George, Clave, Martha.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q Did Rufus Ross take the census here in 1880? A Yes sir.

Q He was dead long before that wasn't he George? A I don't think he was, that first bread money that we draw at Vinita.

Q You don't know much about dates do you? A No sir, I don't know much about dates.

Q Who was Jim Vann's wife? A She was named Hann, they all called her Nan Vann.

Q Her name before she was married? A She went by the name of Vann.

Q What was her father's name? A Tobie Vann, used to belong to same folks, old man Joe Vann.

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- Q Where did you go during the war? A I was a soldier, never went nowhere, stayed in the Army all during the war, right at Ft. Gibson, mustered out there.
- Q You claim you went up in Kansas after this Vann? A I went after my wife; I was working for Bill Ross and he told me what time to go after her, and came back in '66.
- Q Old man Ross was living there when he told you that? A Yes sir, he stayed at Ft. Gibson.
- Q What time of the year was it Bill Ross told you that? A It was in the winter time, in the fall, along in the winter, not in the fall but in the winter.
- Q You don't know one year from another do you? A Yes, I know one year.
- Q What year is that? A I don't know what year it is, my friend, I can't tell, I can't read, if I could read you couldn't beat me out of nothing.
- Q You don't know what year you drew money? A Drawed some time in 1880.
- Q This last Strip money? A I forgot what year I drawed that out in.
- Q Who came back along with you? A Old aunt Katie Vann and Jess Vann, he is dead, and his mother, she is dead, and then another old lady, she is dead, and my brother-in-law, Jake Eaton, he is dead. His wife is named Jan Gilberry, they are away down about Sandtown.
- Q Where did you bring these people? A Right on Grand river, below Spring Creek.
- Q Did you live there? A Made a crop there, Sam Downing was there on that place, and I made a crop there.
- Q Was that the year you made a crop there that you brought them down to me? A Yes, it was in '66.
- Q Did you make a crop there the spring before and the next spring? A No, I made a crop there the same year I come there.
- Q I don't want to confuse you, but now with reference to when you come up, with reference to when you brought Jim Vann there, had you already made a crop there when you brought him Jim? A No sir.
- Q But you made a crop there the next year after you brought Jim, the following spring? A Yes sir, we come in March and in that March we made a crop there.
- Q That in the March you brought Jim? A Yes sir.
- Q Well then you brought him down there in March? A Yes sir, and we all made a crop there on Martha Vann's place.
- Q You came from Kansas to that place? A Yes sir, and I rented from Sam Downing.
- Q Chief Bill Ross had already told you that the treaty had passed and to go and bring your people down to me? A Yes sir he told me to go up and I went up about along the first of February.
- Q And you came back in March? A Come back in March.
- Q That was after the treaty had passed? A Yes sir, old Rab went with me up there and another fellow called Sam Harway, a white man.
- Q What place did you go to? A Ft. Scott. And then went to a little ~~xxxxxx~~ place close to Ossawatimie, my wife was there staying with Jess Vann.
- BY MR. TENDON
- Q You said that you went up there in March? A No I didn't say I went in March.
- Q Well February? and come back in March? A Yes sir.
- Q You know the time that was before or after the Treaty? A That was before the treaty; you see I was right at Tahlequah when they read the Treaty.
- Q Ross hadn't told you the treaty had passed? A No sir, I was right there soldiering when they read the treaty.
- Q Who was that? A Right at Tahlequah, I was out right in a bunch with them when they come from the Mays seminary.

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Q As a matter of course these dates and so on, being an ignorant man you don't know? A No sir, I don't read.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

Q I thought you said you made a crop up there? A I did make a crop up there and then we went to this place, after this here treaty was made.

Q How many crops did you make up there in Saline? A One crop.

Q You wasn't with the soldiers then were you? A We was done mustered out; I drove a Government team a long while after peace was declared, and then went to St. Scott.

Q You were not with the soldiers any after you were mustered out?

A No, we all come in a bunch there when they read the treaty.

Q They read the treaty at Tahlequah? A Yes sir.

Q Why did you make the statement awhile ago about what Colonel Ross said he fore you went after your wife? A I was working for him, he told me what time to go after my family, and to bid me to tell a whole lot of other people to come.

Q Why did he tell you to tell them to come? A He told me to tell them to come, we was going to have a treaty, and they had better come in '66.

Q Tell them to come in '66? A Yes sir, and some come and some didn't come.

Q You say you hadn't heard of the treaty then? A No, they had not never had the treaty yet.

Q Yet he told you to come back in '66? A Yes sir.

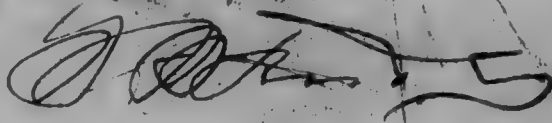
BY COM'R NEEDLES:

Q You know this James Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Was twas his name, just James? A Just Jim Vann, they always called him Jim.

M.D. Green, being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this June 26, 1901.



Commissioner.



Department of the Interior,  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Vinita, I. T., February 9, 1903.

In the matter of the application of JAMES VANN, for the enrollment of himself and his three children, WILLIAM, GEORGE and CLEVELAND VANN, as Cherokee Freedmen:

Appearances:

Applicant appears in person;  
J. C. Starr, for Cherokee Nation.

JAMES VANN, being first duly sworn, and examined, testified as follows:

Examined by the Commission:

- Q What is your name ? A James N. Vann.  
Q How old are you ? A I am about forty eight, I guess, somewhere along in there, I don't know exactly.  
Q What is your post office address ? A Chouteau.  
Q You claim to be a Cherokee Freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is your name on the roll of 1880 ? A No sir.  
Q It isn't ? A No sir.  
Q How do you explain the fact that it isn't there ?  
A All the explanation I can make is this, they had a contest between two of the senates at that time, and in that contest they scratched a whole lot of citizens names off the 1880 roll in order to let one side or the other get the office, and I guess they scratched my name off that way.  
Q You don't know that to be a fact ? A No sir.  
Q That's your guess ? A Yes; but they taken my name right there at Goose Neck.  
Q Who took it ? A Mr. Dick Duck, and I can't think of that other fellow's name.  
Q Dick Duck was one of the census takers ? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were you living then ? A In Goose Neck Bend.  
Q Were you married ? A Yes sir.  
Q Took your wife's name too, did they ? A Yes sir.  
Q Is she a Cherokee freedman ? A Yes sir.  
Q What is her name ? A Her name was Nancy.  
Q She was Nancy Vann, then ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did you have any children at that time ?  
A Yes sir, I think I had two.  
Q What was their names ? A One Sam and the other Rufus.  
Q You say the census takers took the names of yourself and family ?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You supposed you were on that 1880 roll ? A I know I aint.  
Q You supposed you were going to be put on ? A Yes sir.  
Q Did the census takers question your citizenship in any way ?  
A No sir, they didn't; and, as I was going to tell you, after that we went to the payment of Cowalah, Major E Lipe at that time was treasurer, and he said "Jim, your name's not on this roll", and I said, "Why?"; and he said, "I don't know, I will look and see", and he looked and saw my name on the intruder's roll, and he said "The best thing you boys can do is to go to Tablequah and see about this". And we went to Tablequah, and William Ross was executive clerk, and he said "There's no need of you boys names being on this roll, and he said, "I will remove them and put them on the other roll"; and we went home and that's the end of it. I never has lived out of the Cherokee Nation.  
Q You drew in the payment in 1897 ? A Yes sir.  
Q Were you a slave before the war ? A Yes sir.

Q What was your owner's name ? A Cul Vann.  
 Q Was he a Cherokee ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Citizen of the Cherokee Nation ? A Citizen of the Cherokee Nation, yes sir. My master is living yet to-day.  
 Q Did you get out of the Nation during the war ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where did you go ? A Went in Kansas.  
 Q Who went with you ? A My grandma and my uncles.  
 Q Did your parents go with you ? A No sir, my mother was in Texas.  
 Q You weren't very old then ? A No sir I was just a little boy.  
 Q Your grandmother and uncles took you out ? A Yes sir.  
 Q When did your mother go to Texas ? A When I was about six months old.  
 Q Did she ever come back from Texas ? A Yes sir. You will find her on the 1880 roll.  
 Q What was your mother's name ? A Jennie Vann.  
 Q What was your father's name ? A Neal Vann.  
 Q Was he a slave also ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Who did he belong to ? A Joe Vann.  
 Q Did he go out to Texas with your mother ? A Yes sir.  
 Q When did they get back ? A My mother got back in 1865.  
 Q When did he come back ? A He has never come back, he died.  
 Q Died before your mother's return ? A Yes sir.  
 Q How long did you stay in Kansas ? A I don't know, but I can tell you when I come back from Kansas.  
 Q When did you come back ? A In 1866. We was the first darkies that come from Kansas.  
 Q What time in 1866 ? A We come back along in the spring.  
 Q You don't remember much about it yourself, do you ? A No sir, I remember when we come back on the river, along about the first of March, we left Kansas about the first of February.  
 Q How old were you ? A About twelve or thirteen years old.  
 Q You remember coming back that year ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where did you go to ? A To what's called old Clem Vann's place.  
 Q Where is that ? A On Grand River.  
 Q Who came back with you ? A My uncles and my grandmother.  
 Q The same parties that you went out with ? A Yes sir.  
 Q What were their names ? A Sam Vann, Jess Vann, George Musgrove, and I can't tell you wholl.  
 Q You say you went to Clem Vann's place ? A Yes sir.  
 Q What did you do there ? A We stayed there about two weeks and then we moved across the river on Martha Vann's place.  
 Q Who was she ? A Clem Vann's mother.  
 Q What did you do there ? A We farmed there that year.  
 Q Never went back to Kansas again did you ? A No sir.  
 Q Where was your mother all this time ? A Mother was at Gibson.  
 Q Fort Gibson ? A Yes sir.  
 Q She had some other children besides you ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where were they ? A They was with her.  
 Q They were all with her except you ? A Yes sir.  
 Q How did they happen to take you up in Kansas ? A You see my grandmother raised me, and they sent my mother to Texas when I was a little kid about six months old, they said.  
 Q Have you lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since you came back from Kansas ? A Yes sir, ever since.  
 Q What makes you think it was 1866 when you came back ? A Because, I know it was 1866 when old Dr. Miller come up there; he come up there to Kansas and notified all colored people that belonged to Cherokees that they must get back here by a specified time, and so



my folks got ready and come right on.

Q Do you remember Dr. Miller coming up there and telling them that ?

A I don't remember his business, but I remember seeing him up there, and I knowed him up there, and I knowed him after that, and after we come back here the folks we lived with lived close to him all the time.

Q Did he tell you when you had to get back ? A Yes sir.

Q What did he tell you; what time did he fix ?

A He said we must get back that same year, he says "You must be there this year", 1866.

Q That was in the spring he came up there ? A Yes sir, along in the winter he was there.

Q Late winter ? A It must have been along about the latter part of '65; I can't hardly recollect, but anyhow he was up there, I know, because I saw him.

Q Don't you know the treaty wasn't passed until July, 1866, requiring you to come back ? A I don't know anything about that.

Q How soon after he was up there was it before you started back ? A We started back along in the spring.

Q A month or two after Miller was there ?

A Yes sir, it might have been longer than that, but anyway we always called it February at that time, I can't recollect much about it.

Q You were about the first ? A We was the very first darkies to come back from Kansas to Grand River, because when we first got back there wasn't no darkies there, nothing but fullblood Cherokees.

Q Do you remember who came back after you came back ?

A Yes sir, I remember who came back after that.

Q Name some ? A Long George Vann come in after that, and my uncle Sam Vann, and old man Gilbert Vann, Eli Vann, and---well a lot of them come in after that.

Q Came to the same place ? A No sir. When they come we had moved over on Spring Creek, where I was born, and they moved up on Big Spring Creek, there about Mrs. Williams.

Q Do you remember any other parties that come back from Kansas to Grand River ? A Joe Bean and Tobe Bean, and I believe that's about all I recollect of coming back.

Q How long after you came back ? A They come in that fall.

Q Late or early in the fall ? A It must have been tolerable early, it wasn't real cold.

Q When did you get married ? A Me ?

Q Yes. A I think I married in 1874, I believe.

Q What was your wife's name before you married her ?

A Her name was Mush, she belonged to Polly Mush.

Q Was Polly Mush a Cherokee ? A Yes sir.

Q Had your wife been out of the Nation during the war ?

A Yes sir.

Q Where did she go ? A She was in Kansas.

Q When did she come back ? A She come back in the winter of '66, away along about the latter part.

Q After you came ? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember her coming ? A Yes sir.

Q She came some after you came ? A Yes sir, only it was in the winter.

Q Where did she come to ? A Come there on Spring Creek.

Q You say her name is on the roll of 1880 ? A No sir, her name aint on there either, you know she was my wife at that time, and they put her with me.

Q Who did she come back with ? A Her mother and her step-father.

Q What was his name ? A William Wiley.

Q Anybody else ? A I think Joe Rogers was in that crowd.

Q You remember anybody else that was there ?

A No sir I don't remember anybody else; yes I do, too, there was one woman in the crowd by the name of Mary Ward, she lives at Tahlequah now.

Q Any relation to Abraham Ward ? A No sir.

Q Doesn't belong to that family ? A No sir.

Q Well, has your wife been living here all the time since that ?

A Yes sir, until she died.

Q She is dead now is she ? A Oh yes sir, she's been dead about fourteen or fifteen years.

Q Did you and she live together up to the time she died ?

A Yes sir.

Q How many children have you ? A I have five living.

Q Two of them are of age, are they ? A Yes sir.

Q Did they enroll themselves ? A The girl did; I don't think my boy ever did, I tried to get him to come here or go to Gibson, and I don't think he ever went.

Q What children did you enroll ? A George, Will and Cleveland.

Q Are they living now ? A Yes sir.

Q What is the other boy's name ? A Rufus.

Q You don't think he enrolled ? A I know he didn't; he never did make any application. I told him any time he come before the Commission I would help him. I made application for him at Gibson, but they wouldn't let me enroll him.

Q What did they tell you ? A They told me he would have to come, being of age.

Q You have another child yet ? A Yes sir, Martha.

Q She is enrolled ? A Yes sir, she lives here in Vinita.

Q All these children live with you ? A Yes sir.

Examined by J. C. Starr:

Q Where were you at the commencement of the civil war ?

A At Joe Vann's place.

Q Where did you go ? A To Kansas, to Osawatamie.

Q How long did you stay there ? A I think we stayed there about two years, and maybe not that long.

Q Where did you go from Osawatamie ? A We lived on what is called Dutch Henry Crossing, something like that, close there.

Q How far is that from Osawatamie ? A About six miles, and maybe nine miles.

Q Where were you living when this man Miller came up to Kansas ?

A I was living right there at what is called Dutch Henry Crossing.

Q Well, while you were in Kansas you didn't live at any other places ? A No sir.

Q What did Miller tell you ? A He didn't tell me, he was talking to the old people, I didn't know what they was talking about.

Q What did he tell them about returning to the Cherokee Nation ?

A He told them there was a specified time for all citizens to get back here, that there was a specified time set.

Q Did he tell them this specified time had already been fixed ?

A I don't know, but he said there was a time for all of us to get back here, and said for us to get back as soon as we could.

Q To what point in the Cherokee Nation did you come when you came from Kansas ? A We come just as straight, I reckon we come

down this road, but anyhow we landed down there where Joe McCracken lives now.

Q What road are you talking about ? A I mean this public road here, I reckon that's the way we went, I don't know which way we got there, but anyhow that's where we stopped.

Q Where did you stop ? A At Joe McCracken's place.

Q How long did you stay there ?

A As near as I can recollect two weeks.

Q Where you go from there ? A Across the river to his grandma's place.  
 Q How long did you stay there ? A One season.  
 Q That was the first season after your return ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Where did your wife go when she went to Kansas ? A Same place.  
 Q Did she come back the same time you did ? A No sir.  
 Q When did she come ? A Afterwards, along in the winter; it must have been along about December or January, somewhere along in there.  
 Q What time of the year do you think it was that you returned ? A I know the time we come.  
 Q What time was it ? A We come in the spring.  
 Q Was there plenty of corn when you came ? A No sir, we stayed there on the river until the river got down, and as soon as we got across the river we went to plowing, and we made a crop that year.  
 Q Then you got here in the spring after Miller went up there and said there was a time fixed for Freedmen to return, that's when you returned ? A Yes sir.

By the Commission:

Q Is this Dr. Miller living now ? A No sir.  
 Q Who was he ? A I think he was a white man, he had a Cherokee family. Old aunt Annie Miller's husband.  
 Q Where did he come from to Kansas, do you know ? A He come from down in here somewhere.  
 Q In the Nation ? A Yes sir.  
 Q Do you know where his home was ? A Yes sir, his home was right here in the Nation then, and his place is here now.  
 Q What part of the Nation ? A Right down here on the river there close to Joe McCracken's.

E. C. Bagwell, on oath states that, as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings had in the above entitled cause, and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

*E. C. Bagwell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this February 27, 1903.

*Samuel Foreman*

Notary Public.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of Martha Williams for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman:

D E C I S I O N

The record in this case shows that on May 18, 1901, Martha Williams appeared before the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory, and made personal application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had at Vinita, Indian Territory, on May 20, 1901.

The evidence shows that the applicant, Martha Williams, has been born since 1866 and that she is the daughter of James and Nancy Vann and claims right to enrollment through them.

The evidence further shows that the said James Vann was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the war of the rebellion; that during said war he was taken to the State of Kansas but returned to the Cherokee Nation in 1866.

The evidence further shows that the applicant has continuously resided in the Cherokee Nation since birth.

It is, therefore, the opinion of this Commission that Martha Williams should be enrolled as a Cherokee Freedman, in accordance with the provisions of Section twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stats., 496), and it is so ordered.

COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

(SIGNED)

Samuel J. May.

(SIGNED)

T. B. Needles.

C. W. Brinkman.

Muskogee, Indian Territory,

this JUL 10 1901

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of  
James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen.

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DECISION.

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That on April 26, 1901, James N. Vann appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and made application for the enrollment of himself and minor children, William, George and Cleveland Vann, as Cherokee Freedmen. Further proceedings in the matter of said application were had on June 18, 1901 at Nowata, and on February 9, 1903, at Vinita, Indian Territory.

THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That the applicant, James N. Vann claims the right to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman by virtue of his compliance with the provisions of Article IX, of the Treaty of 1866, and that the minor applicants herein claim the same right as descendants of the said James N. Vann and one Nancy Vann, deceased, who, it is alleged, complied with said treaty stipulations of 1866.

The following points are fully established by the evidence, no attempt having been made to disprove them:

(1)

That the applicant James N. Vann and the said Nancy Vann, deceased, (husband and wife), were the slaves of Cherokee citizens at the commencement of the rebellion, were taken from the Cherokee Nation during said rebellion, and later returned thereto and established a residence therein.

- (2) That the minor applicants herein are children of the applicant James N. Vann, and the said Nancy Vann, deceased, were born since the close of the rebellion, and possess no rights to enrollment as Cherokee freedmen, other than as descendants of their parents.
- (3) That none of the applicants herein, or the said Nancy Vann, deceased, can be identified on the Cherokee authenticated tribal roll of 1880, or the Cherokee Census roll of 1896.

In view of the foregoing it is considered that the primary questions presented for determination in this case are:

Did the applicant James N. Vann, and the said Nancy Vann, deceased, return to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion, and establish their residence therein, within the time specified in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered on February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee, etc., vs. the Cherokee Nation, et al., for the return of Cherokee freedmen to said Nation?

JAMES N. VANN, applicant, appeared before the Commission on April 26, 1901, at Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, and testified as follows: I am 46 years old. My postoffice is Chouteau, and I live in Cooweescoowee District. I was taken north during the war. My mother's name is Jennie Vann (Boudinot); she was taken south during the rebellion, and when I returned she was at Fort Gibson and my uncle went down there and got her and brought her to where we were living on Grand River. (In C.F. 664 the said Jennie Vann, now Boudinot, testified that her master brought her to the Cherokee Nation in 1866).

L. B. DANIELS, witness for applicants, same date and place, testified as follows: I have known the applicant, James N. Vann ever since August, 1866, and he has continuously lived in the Cherokee nation since that date.

This witness explained the failure of the applicant and his deceased wife to get on the 1880 roll as follows: "The census takers, Mr. Hicks and Dick Duck, when they was taking the census up there, they came to my house and got me to go and get all the people around there to come up and enroll, and I went round and saw them and when I got to where this man and his wife lived I found that they had left and gone to Big Creek and I could not get them, and so when they got back and wanted to get on the census takers they said that all the Big Creek negroes had been doubtfull'd as they were said to be all Kansas negroes that was living on Big Creek."



GEORGE MUSGROVE, witness for applicants, appeared before the Commission on June 18, 1901, at Nowata, Indian Territory, and testified as follows: I am 60 or 65 years old, and my post-office is Lenapah, Indian Territory. I was a soldier and remained at Fort Gibson during the war. I have known the applicant James N. Vann ever since he was a little boy. I was working for Bill Ross after the war, and along in the winter he told me what time to go to Kansas after my wife in order to get her back to the Cherokee Nation in time to secure her citizenship. I went after her about the first of February and brought her and the applicant, James N. Vann, back at the same time. We left up there (Kansas) in February and arrived here (Cherokee Nation) in March. This was after the treaty had been passed; I was at Tahlequah when they read the treaty. I drove a Government team a long time after peace was declared and then went to Fort Scott. When the officers were taking the census in 1880, the applicant, James N. Vann, told them that his wife (Nancy Vann, since deceased), was called a doubtful citizen and did not come back in time.

JAMES N. VANN, applicant, appeared before the Commission on February 9, 1903, at Vinita, Indian Territory, and further testified, in part, as follows: We returned to the Cherokee Nation in 1866. I know it was 1866 "because I know it was '66 when old Dr. Miller come up there (Kansas); he come up there to Kansas and notified all colored people that belonged to Cherokees that they must get back here by a specified time, and so my folks got ready and come right on." Dr. Miller was up there along in the winter, and several months later we got ready, leaving there in February and arriving in the Cherokee Nation in the spring, along about the first of March. My former wife, Nancy Vann, deceased, returned to the Cherokee Nation the next winter after I came. She was in Kansas during the war and was located at the same place I was.

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSION: It is considered that the evidence in this case shows that neither the applicant, James N. Vann, nor the said Nancy Vann, deceased, returned to the Cherokee Nation after the rebellion within the time specified in the said Whitmire decree; and that the minor applicants herein possess no rights to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen other than as descendants of the said applicant James N. Vann and the said Nancy Vann, deceased.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: That, under the provisions of Section Twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat., 498), James N. Vann, William Vann, George Vann and Cleveland Vann, are not entitled to enrollment as Cherokee Freedmen, and their application for enrollment as such is accordingly denied.

  
COMMISSIONER

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,

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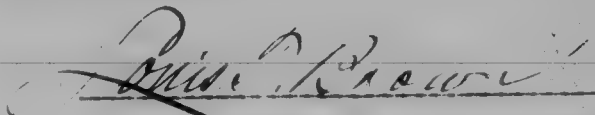
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann,  
et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, F. No. 666.

MOTION FOR REHEARING.

Comes now the applicant and moves the Department to grant him  
a re-hearing in this case in order that he may introduce testimony to  
show that he returned to the Cherokee Nation and established his resi-  
dence therein prior to February 11, 1867.

In support of this Motion there is hereto attached affidavits of  
witnesses by whom applicant expects to prove the return of the said  
James N. Vann. Applicant has other witnesses but in view of the fact  
that this is the last day allowed by the Curtis Bill for filing Moti ons  
for rehearing in cases of this character, the applicant has been un-  
able for want of time to send a Notary Public to the homes of the  
witnesses and secure their affidavits in time to file with this Motion  
within the time required by law, and therefore ask leave for additional  
time in which to file additional affidavits.

  
ATTORNEY FOR APPLICANT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY (ss.)

Original

Affidavit Choteau, Ind. Terr.  
January 12<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To whom it may Concern;

My name is Ned Adair. I am 34 years of age. I am a Cherokee by blood. I have lived in and near Choteau I.T. all my life. I am well acquainted with James T. Vann a Cherokee Freedman - I know that James T Vann came back to this country with Jess Vann, George Muskgrove, Zeb Eaton & others and I saw him at that time and I know that he has lived in this country ever since then and raised up his family here and that his mother Jennie Vann is an old Cherokee Freedman and also lives here.

Ned Adair

Subscribed & sworn to before me on  
This January 12<sup>th</sup> 1906.  
Choteau, I.T.

My Comm. Ex. Dec 9-06

Will A Crockett  
Notary Public

Affidavit

Original

Chotau, Ind. Terr.

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is James Rider, I am 59 years old, I live near Chotau, I. T. I have known James & Vann ever since 1867. I have lived on Bushy Creek, I. T. ever since 1866. I am a recognized Cherokee Freedman on all the rolls. I saw James & Vann in Saline or Tahlequah district in 1867 & he took up with me, as I was hauling logs to raft to Fort Gibson, I. T. at that time. I know that George Muskgrove, Zeb Eaton, Jess Vann & others were here in 1866 and I know that Zeb Eaton & Jess Vann made a crop on the Martha Vann farm near Chotau, I. T. in the year 1866. as I made a crop on Greulick, I. T. near Fort Gibson & I came up in the Summer (July) and I made a trade with Zeb Eaton, giving him 40 bu. of Corn on Greulick for 40 bu. on the Martha Vann farm, in order to save hauling the Corn, as he wanted mine near his home & I wanted his near my home. I also know his old Mother Jennie Vann to be an old Cherokee Freedman & to him

near here all her life

Witness  
Clay Brown

over

James Rider  
mark

Subscribed & Sworn to before me on  
This January 13<sup>th</sup> 1906  
Choteau, Ind. Twp.

Will A. Crockett  
Notary Public  
My Comm. Ex. Dec 9<sup>th</sup> 1906

Affidavit

Choctaw, Ind. Terr.

January 13<sup>th</sup> 1906.

To Whom it may Concern:

My name is <sup>Born here in 1844</sup> Jennie Vann, I am 60 or 61 years old. I am on all the rolls of Choctaw Freedmen, I am the mother of James N. Vann and I know that he was born and raised here in the Choctaw nation, same as my other children whose names are on all the rolls of Choctaw Freedmen, same as mine. My children's names are Andy Cordy - Lobe Middleton - Mattie Mosier - Joe Whitman - Jess Fulson - James N. Vann - all on 1880 roll but James N. Vann who should be on as well as the rest of my family we know he was here then as well as in 1866. His mother has since raised him.

Watts B. [unclear]

Will A. Crockett

Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 1906

I, W. W. HASTINGS, Attorney for the Cherokee Nation, do hereby  
acknowledge Service of the foregoing Motion for rehearing on this  
25th day of June, A. D., 1906.

W. W. Hastings

ATTORNEY FOR THE CHEROKEE NATION

BY

H. M. Vance

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the motion for a rehearing of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation, F. 666.

Reply of the Cherokee Nation.

The record in this case shows that the principal applicant James N. Vann appeared before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes in 1901 and made application to be enrolled as a freedman citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and the record further shows that he claimed that his mother's name was Jennie Vann, also known as Boudinot, and the proceedings show that he introduced in his behalf L. D. Daniels. The record shows that subsequent to that time he again took the stand in his own behalf and gave additional testimony, and that at another time he introduced in his behalf George Musgrove. The decision of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes goes into the testimony and gives a synopsis of the testimony of each witness and does it of course fairly and after reading this decision we have no doubt of its correctness. In the first place the testimony shows that James N. Vann did not go with his mother, who went South, but that he was taken to Kansas and therefore the affidavit of his mother and the affidavits of others to the effect that his mother is enrolled and that his brothers and sisters are enrolled is not pertinent for the reason that the principal applicant, James N. Vann, was a slave himself and his enrollment depends upon the date of his own return to the Cherokee Nation.

Then let's examine what is the testimony. James N. Vann swears that a Mr. Miller, and this same Mr. Miller referred to by the principal applicant, was the Principal Executive Secretary of the Chief of the Cherokee Nation, came to Kansas and notified the people there of their rights under the treaty and for them to return to the Cherokee Nation within the time, at least he notified them this in substance, and James N. Vann says that this was in the late winter or early spring. Now, later on George Musgrove



swears that he is the selfsame person who brought James N. Vann to the Cherokee Nation after the war, and he swears that the treaty had been ratified at Tahlequah of his own personal knowledge and that it was after this time that he went to Kansas and brought this applicant James N. Vann to the Cherokee nation. Of course these ignorant negroes do not know dates; they do not know 1866 from 1886, but James N. Vann did know that Miller came and notified them that they had to return to the Cherokee Nation, and if that be true, it was after the treaty of 1866, and George Musgrove does know that it was after the treaty of 1866, and he says that they left up there the last of February and got back to the Cherokee Nation some time in March. Then unquestionably, according to the testimony of James N. Vann himself and the principal witness, George Musgrove, the man who brought him down here, the person upon whom he relies, shows conclusively that he did not return within the time prescribed by the treaty of 1866 and did not return until March, 1867. It will be noted that the affidavit of Jennie Boudinot is signed by ex mark; shows she is ignorant; was evidently prepared by I. P. Bledsoe, the former recognized agent of James N. Vann, but even this affidavit admits that his uncle Jesse Vann raised him, meaning of course, raised the applicant. Now, the next affidavit is also signed by ex mark by James Rider and is witnessed by this same I. P. Bledsoe and certainly neither of them know anything more about this case than James N. Vann himself and George Musgrove who has heretofore testified in this case. We submit that if these witnesses were to come, ignorant as they are, evidence by signing their names by ex mark, and swear that the applicant returned in 1866, when the applicant himself swears that it was the spring after the treaty and when George Musgrove swears it was the spring after the treaty, then the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes would not be justified in enrolling the applicants.

Again, we submit that as we have in a great many cases no diligence whatever has been shown on behalf of the applicants; that he has been represented by an agent and he assigns no reason in this motion to explain



why these witnesses have not been previously procured and particularly that of his mother; second, we submit that the testimony would be cumulative, and third, we submit that George Musgrove was the best qualified to say when he brought the applicant to the Cherokee Nation first after the war, and inasmuch as his testimony is in and the commission rejected the applicants upon this, that the best testimony has already been presented to the commission and that this additional testimony would not therefore change the result of this case. For the reasons hereinabove assigned we submit that the decision of the department rejecting the applicant should not be disturbed and that the motion for a rehearing should be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

*W. W. Hastings*

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation.  
*N. M. W.*

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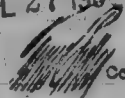
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application of James W. Vance et al  
for enrollment as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

No. F666

United States of America,) ss.  
Indian Territory, )  
Western District. )

Affidavit to Show Service.

This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a  
Notary Public within and for the Western District of the Indian Territory,  
H. W. Vance, who being by me first duly sworn on oath states, that his  
age is 27 years and that his postoffice address is Muskogee, Indian  
Territory, and that on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1906, he deposited in the  
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postoffice address is Muskogee, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July, 1906.

H. W. Vance  
Edward Miller  
Notary Public.

My Com. Ex. 1-8-1910.

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TO THE COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES:

You are requested to enter STARR & PATTEN of VINITA, INDIAN TERRITORY, as my sole Attorneys representing me in the matter of my application for the enrollment of myself and those I represent as citizens of the Cherokee Nation.

You are advised that the authority heretofore given any other attorney to represent me is hereby revoked.

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George Vann.  
Applicant.

Witness.  
W. S. Stanfield

Dated at Vinita, Indian Territory,  
this 7th day of Aug., 1906.

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In the matter of the application  
for the enrollment of James N.  
Vann et al as Cherokee Freedmen.

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Motion for rehearing.

Starr & Patten,  
Attorneys for Applicants  
Vinita, Ind. Ter.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION FOR THE ENROLLMENT OF JAMES N. VANN,  
ET AL., AS CHEROKEE FREEDMEN, F. D. 666.

M O T I O N   F O R   R E H E A R I N G .

Comes now the principal applicant, James N. Vann, and moves the Department to remand this case to the Honorable Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and to grant him a rehearing in order that he have an opportunity to introduce the newly discovered testimony, among others, of the witnesses whose affidavits are attached in support of this Motion.

The applicant can prove by the witnesses whose affidavits are attached that he returned to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, in the Spring of 1866 in time to put in a corn crop and that he has lived continuously in the Cherokee Nation since that time; that these affidavits are filed in support of this Motion for a rehearing as a basis for said Motion and to show the good faith of the applicant in the allegations hereinafter made. The applicant has other witnesses both in the State of Kansas and in the Cherokee Nation by whom the same statements of facts will be proven at the rehearing of this case. Said testimony is newly discovered and has been discovered by the applicant since the decision adverse to him was rendered. He made much inquiry and search after said testimony prior to the time the decision adverse to him was rendered and at that time he was unable to discover the testimony. He went from place to place in search of witnesses and interviewed a great number of people but he did not find these people before that time.

WHEREFORE, he prays that this case be remanded and that he be given an opportunity to introduce this newly discovered testimony before the Honorable Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

Respectfully,

Starr & Patten

ATTORNEYS FOR APPLICANTS.

AFFIDAVIT OF PRINCIPAL APPLICANT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR REHEARING.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)   
 INDIAN TERRITORY ) ss.   
 NORTHERN DISTRICT )

BE IT REMEMBERED, That on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned, a Clerk of the United States Court within and for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, duly commissioned as such, GEORGE VANE, of lawful age, who being first duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says:-

"My name is George Vane; my age is 23 years and my Post Office is Choteau, Mont., Indian Territory. I am <sup>an</sup> the principal applicant in this case and I make this Motion in good faith not for the purposes of delay, but in order that justice might be done me. At the former trial of this case I procured all of the testimony that I was able to procure after spending much time in search for the same. I made inquiry of the people whom I believed would know about the facts and circumstances connected with my case, and after much inquiry and diligent search and after visiting a great number of people I was unable to find any more testimony than that produced at the former trial. After my case was tried I continued my efforts and have, since the decision in said case, discovered the testimony of the persons whose affidavits I have filed in support of my Motion for a rehearing. This testimony is newly discovered and could not have been produced by due diligence at the former trial because I was diligent and made diligent search and diligent inquiry of my neighbors and people I thought ought to know about my case and was unable to procure the testimony, but after continued search and continued inquiry I have been able, since the trial of this case, to discover this testimony and now ask that I be granted a rehearing in this case that I may introduce at the rehearing this newly discovered testimony".

George Vane  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 1906.

Chas. A. Davidson, U. S. Clerk

By G. C. Finley Deputy

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,) )  
INDIAN TERRITORY ( SS.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT )

On this 1st day of August, A. D., 1906, personally appeared before me, the undersigned ~~a Notary Public~~ *United States Commissioner* duly commissioned and acting within and for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, NELSON MOORE, of lawful age, who being first duly sworn, on his oath deposes and says:-

"My name is Nelson Moore. My age is 53 years and my Post Office is Ketchum, Indian Territory. I am acquainted with the applicant, James N. Vann and have known him for a long time. During the Civil War I went to Kansas and I returned to the Cherokee Nation in the fall of 1865 and have lived in the Cherokee Nation continuously since that time. Some time in the Spring of 1866 the applicant, James N. Vann, returned to the Cherokee Nation from Kansas with old man Jesse Vann, Gilbert Vann, Zeake Eaton, Aunt Katie Vann, George Musgrove and George Eaton. These parties are now all dead and they were all straight Freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation. I know that James N. Vann returned to the Cherokee Nation in the Spring of 1866 in time to put in a late crop and that he has continued to live in the Cherokee Nation since that time."

*Nelson Moore*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 1st day of August, A. D., 1906.

*Thos. J. Farnum*  
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NOTARY PUBLIC.  
*W. S. Commissioner*



IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann et al as Cherokee Freedmen.

United States of America,

Indian Territory/

Northern District S

On this 27th day of August A D 1906, personally appeared before me the undersigned, United States Commissioner for the Second Commissioner's District of the Northern District of the Indian Territory, George West Vann of lawful age who being by me duly sworn according to law upon his oath deposes and says:

"My Name is George West Vann, my age is fifty-four years and my post office is Hayden, Indian Territory. I am acquainted with the applicant James N. Vann. I am not related to him either by blood or marriage."

"I was in Kansas after the close of the civil war and I returned to the Cherokee Nation in 1866 and was the captain of the company of Cherokee Freedmen who were attacked on Horse Creek in the fall of 1866 by a number of Cherokees under the leadership of Kinch West, a Cherokee himself, in which fight there were three in our company killed to wit West Vann, Jesse Vann and Phil Daniels and one wounded to wit, Tobias Vann wounded by gun shot in arm and he recovered. Of the three killed two had been soldiers in the Union Army during the civil war; Phil Daniels belonged to the Third Regiment Indian Home Guard and West Vann belonged to the First Colored Regiment in Kansas and were returning to their homes in the Cherokee Nation after the civil war when they were killed by these Cherokees. After this horse Creek fight we went on down to Spring Creek in the Cherokee Nation and at that time James N. Vann the applicant in this case was living on Spring Creek in the Cherokee Nation and he has lived in the Cherokee Nation ever since. I first saw him on Spring Creek in the Cherokee Nation in the fall of 1866.

*George West Vann* 11/1/06 11/1/06

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of August 1906.

Thomas J. Tunnar

U S Commissioner.

A F F I D A V I T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, )  
INDIAN TERRITORY ( 55.  
NORTHERN DISTRICT )

On this 27th day of August, A. D., 1906 personally appeared before me, the undersigned United States Commissioner, duly commissioned and acting within and for the Second Commissioners District of the Northern District of the Indian Territory ARCH LANDRUM, of lawful age, who being by me duly sworn according to law, on his oath deposes and says:-

"My name is Arch Landrum; my age is 70 years and my Post Office is Ketchum, Indian Territory. I am acquainted with the applicant, James N. Vann, and have known him for a long time. During the Civil War I went to Kansas with the Union soldiers and after the close of the war, in the fall of 1865, I returned to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory to the vicinity of Grand River and have lived there continuously since that time. I remember that some time in the Spring of 1866 the applicant, James N. Vann, returned to the Cherokee Nation from Kansas with a number of other Cherokee Freedmen, among whom was old man Jesse Vann, now deceased, Gilbert Vann, Zeake Eaton, AnntKatie Vann, George Musgrove and George Eaton. All of these parties who came with James N. Vann were at all times thereafter recognized as Freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation and their rights have never been questioned. They were always considered as Freedmen citizens of the Cherokee Nation. James N. Vann returned to the Cherokee Nation with them and has lived in the Cherokee Nation all the time since the spring of 1866. He came in time to put in a late corn crop in the spring of 1866 and located at that time on Spring Creek in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory".

Arch<sup>ies</sup> Landrum  
Mark

Witnesses to mark:

nesses to mark:

Laura G. Valentine  
VINITA, I. T.

J. J. Farrar  
VINITA, I. T.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August, A.D., 1906.

7th day of August, A.D., 1900.

Thos Farnan

UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER.

V I I I B V A I I

A F F I D A V I T.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,)   
 INDIAN TERRITORY ( SS.   
 NORTHERN DISTRICT )

On this 7th day of August, A. D., 1906, personally appeared before me, the undersigned United States Commissioner for the Second Commissioners District of the Northern District of the Indian Territory, duly commissioned and acting as such, JOE DAVIS, of lawful age, who being first duly sworn by me according to law, on his oath deposes and says:-

"My name is Joe Davis. My age is 51 years and my Post Office is Vinita, Indian Territory. I am acquainted with the applicant, James N. Vann and have known him for a long time. I came up on Spring Creek, Cherokee Nation, in the fall of 1866 and at that time I found the applicant, James N. Vann, living on Spring Creek. From the fall of 1866 for three years I lived within one-half mile of the applicant, James N. Vann, and I visited at his house frequently and saw him from 1866 until 1869 right along all the time and I know of my own knowledge that the applicant, James N. Vann, has lived in the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory continuously since first I saw him on Spring Creek in the Cherokee Nation in the fall of 1866.

I am not related in any way to the applicants in this case and have no interest whatever in this case."

Joe Davis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of August, A. D., 1906

Thos Jannar  
UNITED STATES COMMISSIONER

AFFIDAVIT.

AFFIDAVIT.

Choteau, Ind. Tery.

January 13\* 1906.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Jennie Boudinct, nee Vann. I am 60 or 61 years old. I am on all the rolls of Cherokee Freedmen. I am the Mother of James N. Vann and I know that he was born and raised here in the Cherokee Nation, same as my other children whose names are on all the rolls of Cherokee Freedmen, same as mine. My children's names are Andy Cordy-- Tobe Middleton-- Hattie Mosier-- Joe Whitmire-- Jess Fulson-- James N. Vann-- all on 1880 roll but James N. Vann, who should be on as well as the rest of my family as I know he was here then as well as in 1886. His uncle Jess Vann raised him.

her  
JENNIE x BOUDINOT nee Vann  
mark

Witness:

I. P. Bledsoe,  
Watts Bledsoe.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this January 13", 1906.

Choteau, I. T.

WILL A. CROCKETT,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My Com. Ex. Dec. 9\* 1906.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT. SS.

J. C. Starr being duly sworn says that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original affidavit made and sworn to by the above named affiant.

J. C. Starr

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1906.

Commission Expires Dec. 9, 1906

W. A. Crockett  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

Choteau, Ind. Tery.

January 12" 1906.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is Ned Adair. I am 54 years of age. I am a Cherokee by blood. I have lived in and near Choteau, I. T. all my life. I am well acquainted with James N. Vann, a Cherokee Freedmen-- I know that James N. Vann came back to this country with Jess Vann, George Muskgrove, Zeb Eaton and others and I saw him at that time and I know that he has lived in this country ever since then and raised up his family here and that his mother, Jennie Vann, is an old Cherokee Freedmen and also lived here.

NED ADAIR.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this January 12" 1906.  
Choteau, I. T.

WILL A. CROCKETT,  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My Com. Ex. Dec. 9-06

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT SS.

J. C. Starr of lawful age being duly sworn says that the foregoing is a true copy of the original affidavit subscribed and sworn to by the above named affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1906.

J. C. Starr  
W. A. Crockett  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT.

Choteau, Ind. Tery.

January 13" 1906.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

My name is James Rider. I am 59 years old. I live near Choteau, I. T. I have known James N. Vann ever since 1867. I have lived on Brushy Creek, I. T. ever since 1866. I am a recognized Cherokee Freedman on all the rolls. I saw James N. Vann in Saline or Tahlequah District in 1867 and he took up with me, as I was hauling logs to raft to Fort Gibson, I. T. at that time. I know that George Muskgrove, Zeb Eaton, Jess Vann and others were here in 1866 and I know that Zeb Eaton and Jess Vann made a crop on the Martha Vann farm near Choteau, I. T. in the year 1866, as I made a crop on Greenleaf, I. T. near Fort Gibson and I came up in the summer (July) and I made a trade with Zeb Eaton, giving 40 bu. of corn on Greenleaf for 40 bu. on the Martha Vann farm in order to save hauling the corn as he wanted mine near his home and I wanted his near my home. I also know his old Mother, Jennie Vann to be an old Cherokee Freedman and to live near here all her life.

his  
JAMES x RIDER  
mark

Witnesses:

I. P. Bledsoe.  
Clay Brown.

Subscribed and sworn to before me on this January 13" 1906.

Choteau, Ind. Tery.

WILL A. CROCKETT  
Notary Public.

(SEAL)

My Com. Ex. Dec. 9" 1906.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
INDIAN TERRITORY,  
NORTHERN DISTRICT SS.

J. C. Starr of lawful age being duly sworn says that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original affidavit made by the above named affiant.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of September, 1906.

*J. C. Starr*  
Notary Public.

Cherokee Freedman, 666.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the Application for the Enrollment of James N. Vann, et al, as Cherokee Freedman.

:-:

APPEAL, AND APPLICATION

FOR A REHEARING.

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Come now the applicants in the above entitled and numbered application for enrollment and asks that the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes heretofore rendered herein on December 28, 1905, be set aside and disaffirmed and that said application be returned to said Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for further hearing, and that said applicants be permitted to introduce further proofs of their right to be enrolled as citizens of the Cherokee Nation, before said Commissioner.

And the said applicants do hereby respectfully appeal to the Honorable Secretary of the Interior from the finding, conclusion, and decision of the said Commissioner; and for grounds of said appeal and rehearing said applicants state,

FIRST. That the finding and conclusion of said Commissioner are erroneous, and should have been in favor of the rights of said applicants to enrollment instead of against them.

SECOND. The evidence introduced before said Commissioner established the fact that said applicant, James N. Vann, returned to the Cherokee Nation in March, 1863, within the time specified in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee etc. vs The Cherokee Nation, et al, for the return of ~~XXXX~~ Cherokee Freedman to said Cherokee Nation.

THIRD. That said applicants are able to prove and now offer to prove by the witnesses whose affidavits are hereto attached and marked



"Exhibit A," "Exhibit B" and "Exhibit C," and by many other competent and credible witnesses, resident of said Territory, who are acquainted with the facts, that the said James N. Vann did in fact return to the Cherokee Nation in 1838, as was testified to by him before said Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes. .

Wm Rich  
Attorney for Applicants,  
Mound City, Kansas.

James N. Vann  
Attorney for said applicants and  
petitioners.

For himself and his children,

William Vann,

George Vann,

Cleveland Vann.

*Exhibit A.*

Cherokee Freedman, 666.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. -

Vann, et al, as Cherokee Freedman.

A F F I D A V I T .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern district, Indian Territory, ss.

Kattie Taylor, nee Vann, of lawful age being first duly sworn, says: That she is fifty-nine or sixty years of age, but that she may be two or three years older. That she was born in the Cherokee Nation on the east side of Grand River, about ten miles above Fort Gibson. That she is a Cherokee Freedman, and at the commencement of the war of the Rebellion was the slave of Polly Wisner who was the daughter of Dick Rowe. That in 1862, she with her husband, Sam Vann, along with a large number of other slaves of Cherokees went overland to Kansas, and reached a place near Osawatomie in the fall of the same year. Among those who made the trip with us was Nancy Vann and her grandson, James N. Vann, a boy about eight years old. Said James N. Vann is my nephew by marriage. After the death of the husband of Nancy Vann, which occurred about a year after we reached Kansas, my husband took Nancy Vann, his mother, and James N. Vann, his Nephew, to a house on the place we lived on, and they lived there until we moved to another place where they lived in the house with us until we started to the Cherokee Nation in the spring of 1866. When we started to the Cherokee Nation, Nancy Vann and James N. Vann rode in my wagon, and James N. Vann, a boy then of about eleven years old, drove my team as my husband did not come with us, but waited until fall, and both accompanied me all the way and we arrived in the Cherokee Nation at the Clem Vann place on Grand River, about the first of March, 1866.

And said Katie Taylor, nee Vann, further says, that she was well and personally acquainted with a white man who was married to a Cherokee, whom we all called "Old Dr. Miller," during his lifetime. About two years after we were in Kansas, along in the fall, Old Dr. Miller came to our house a foot. He said that he had to leave the Cherokee Nation on account of the war and that he had come to Kansas with his Cherokee wife and she was then at some place in Kansas up about Topeka, I don't remember the place he said. We had known the Old Doctor in the Cherokee Nation and thought a great deal of him and he did of all of us colored people. He was what the southern Cherokees called an abolitionist. The Doctor stayed with us a few weeks when he went after his wife and brot her and lived with her in one room of our house till late in the winter when he moved into a house

between our place and Osawatomie. Along in the summer he moved to Osawatomie and practiced medicine.

That late in the fall of 1865, the Old Doctor came to our house to see my husband, and in my presence, told him that he had received letters from the Cherokee Nation telling him to notify all of the Negroes who belonged in the Cherokee Nation to get back in 1866; that his letters said that the Cherokees were going to make a treaty and let everybody that belonged in the Nation come back and have a right if they got back in 1866. The Old Doctor told my husband to notify all the colored people, and my husband told the Doctor to write down on a piece of paper what he wanted and sign it, and the Doctor did. My husband was then gathering corn and after he got thro he started out on horsrback. One of the letters the Doctor got was from William Ross, the Cherokee chief. We immediately commenced to get ready to come back, and started in February, 1866, accompanied, as I said before, by Nancy Vann and her Grandson, James N. Vann. The Old Doctor did not come with us but got back ~~in the fall~~ in May or June.

I know that the Doctor notified us in the fall of 1865, because we arrived in Kansas in the fall of 1862, and moved into a house <sup>owned by a man</sup> by the name of Yelton, and stayed there a few weeks until we rented a farm from Ed Youman. We made two crops on this place, and then moved to a man's place by the name of Jackson and made one crop. It was the crop of corn we raised on Jackson's place that my husband was gathering when Dr. Miller came to him to have him notify the Cherokee Freedmen to return in 1866.

That we arrived in the Cherokee Nation before the treaty was passed, and I know this because I heard everybody talking about it. I ~~ck~~ cooked for Sam Downing, son of Lewis Downing, who was afterwards chief, and I heard him and his folks talk about the treaty having passed. When I first went to work for Mr. Downing, which was soon after I got back, I heard him and his folks talking about there going to be a treaty passed, and then later on in the summer or fall I herd them say the treaty was passed, then in the fall all the big men went to Tahlequah to do something about the treaty.

James N. Vann was the slave of Jee Vann, a Cherokee citizen by blood, as was such slave when he was taken to Kansas in 1862. That said

James N. Vann has made his home in the Cherokee Nation continuously since about the first of March, 1868, and is the same person as James N. Vann in "Cherokee Freedman, 666."

*Witness a Notary Public  
W. E. Churchill*

*State of Texas  
notary  
Taylor nee Vann*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Lenapah, Indian Territory, this 25th day of January, 1906.

*W. E. Churchill*  
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires *Oct 24 - 1909.*

*Exhibit B.*

Cherokee Freedman, 666.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee Freedmen.

A F F I D A V I T .

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Northern District, Indian Territory, ss.

George Musgrove of lawful age being first duly sworn on his oath says: That he has heard read the synopsis of his testimony furnished to the applicant for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman in Cherokee Freedman 666, the same being James N. Vann, and states that either he was not correctly reported or he mispoke himself as to the statement attributed to him in said testimony, to-wit: "We left up there (Kansas) in February and arrived here (Cherokee Nation) in March. "This was after the Treaty had passed; I was at Tahlequah when they read the treaty." And he says that the statement attributed to him, to-wit: "This was after the treaty was passed," is either a mistake of the person taking his testimony or he unintentionally misspoke, for he says that he arrived in the Cherokee Nation with his wife, <sup>and</sup> Katie Taylor, nee Vann, and the applicant, James N. Vann, and a number of other persons, along about the first of march, <sup>1866,</sup> ~~1867,~~ from Kansas, and that it was after this date that the Treaty was passed. That the statement attributed to him in said copy of his testimony, to-wit:

"I was in Tahlequah when the treaty was read," is correctly quoted from his testimony, but that if it is intended to read this as meaning that I did not go to Kansas after my wife until after I heard the treaty read, my intentions would be perverted.

And said affiant further says that William Ross, then chief of the Cherokee Nation, told me that there would be a treaty made and for ~~him~~ <sup>my</sup> to go and get ~~his~~ <sup>my</sup> wife and bring her back in 1866, and to tell all the Cherokee Negroes that he said for them to get back just as soon as they could, and I did so. I know this was in 1866 because everybody called that year '66, besides I know that it was before the treaty passed. My rights in the Cherokee Nation was a very important matter and I remembered it.

My Postoffice is Lenapah, I. T.

*Witness for me*  
*W. E. D. Nicholls*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 25th day of January, 1906.

*George X. Musgrove*

*W. E. D. Nicholls*  
*Notary Public*

Cherokee Freedman, 666.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the enrollment of the applicants, James N. Vann et al, as Cherokee Freedmen.

AFFIDAVIT.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.  
Northern District, Indian Territory, ss.

Becky Musgrove of lawful age being first duly sworn, says: That she is about sixty years old and her postoffice address is Lenapah, I. T., That she is a Cherokee Freedman, duly enrolled and recognized as such. When the war broke out my husband joined the Union army and I went to Kansas with my brother-in-law, Gilbert Vann. While I was in Kansas I lived near a little town called Stanton and west of Osawotomie. While I was there I frequently saw Naty Vann, now Naty Taylor, and James N. Vann, the applicant in Cherokee Freedman 666. My husband came for me after the war and took me back to the Cherokee Nation. Naty Vann, now Taylor, Nancy Vann and her grandson, James N. Vann, and several others came back with us. I cannot remember dates except what I hear people say, but I distinctly remember that we got back to the Cherokee Nation in March and that it was the following summer that the treaty was passed.

*Witness sworn to -  
notarized.  
W. E. Nichell*

Subscribed and sworn to before me at Lenapah, I. T., this 25th day of Jan  
January, 1906.

*Becky Musgrove*

*W. E. Nichell*  
Notary Public.

My Commission Expires

Oct 21 - 1909,



## ARGUMENT.

The testimony of the applicant, James N. Vann, before the Commission at Vinita, Indian Territory, on February 9, 1903, shows that he returned to the Cherokee Nation in March, 1866. His statement that "Old Doctor Miller" came to Kansas in the winter, coupled with his former statement that the "Old Doctor" was in Kansas in 1866, and that he returned with his people to the Territory, in the following spring, might be construed to mean that he landed in the Cherokee Nation in March, 1867, instead of 1866, because he also testified that Doctor Miller told the colored people that they would have to return to the Cherokee Nation by a specified time. The Commissioner probably reasoned that if Doctor Miller knew that the Cherokee Freedmen were required to return to the Cherokee Nation by a specified time, that he must have been in Kansas after July 12, 1866, as he could not have known before that date that the Cherokee Freedmen would have to return by a certain date until after the Treaty was passed.

The affidavit of Katy Taylor, nee Vann, hereto attached and marked "Exhibit A," proves the fact to be that "Old Doctor Miller" was in Kansas before the passage of the Treaty and notified the Freedmen to return to the Cherokee Nation just as James N. Vann testified. Her affidavit is circumstantial, and bears upon its face the stamp of truth.

But the facts are, and while they are not in evidence they are nevertheless facts, that immediately after the close of the war the United States Government sent Commissioners to Fort Smith, Arkansas, to negotiate a treaty with the Cherokee Nation. And that these commissioners and the Cherokees failed to agree but the knowledge of the proposed treaty was spread throughout the Indian Territory. One of the important matters considered at this convention was the proposition to allow the Freedman to return to the Cherokee Nation and become citizens thereof. This accounts for the information conveyed by "Old Doctor Miller" to the Freedman in Kansas, that they must return to the Nation in order to secure rights of citizenship.

We call especial attention to the affidavit of Katy Taylor. The detailed way in which she gives the facts and circumstances of "Old Doctor Miller" being in Kansas and how and when he notified the Freedman to return



to the Cherokee Nation, can leave no doubt but that she is telling the exact truth and that what she says took place just as she relates. Her affidavit is supported by that of George Musgrove who stated in his evidence before the Commission, and who states the same thing in his affidavit, hereto attached and marked "Exhibit B," to-wit: That William Ross, Chief of the Cherokee Nation at that time, told him to notify the Cherokee Freedmen who lived in Kansas, to return to the Nation at once if they desired citizenship rights.

The history of the Cherokee Nation, from the close of the war, has never been written, that we know of, but <sup>he</sup> must have learned from those who took an active part in the events of that period.

George Musgrove states in his affidavit that the statement attributed to him that he returned after the treaty was passed, is a mistake. A <sup>of</sup> mistake either of the reporter or <sup>his</sup> caused by a slip of the tongue. In the light of all the evidence and circumstances of this case we feel very sure that George Musgrove never said that he brought his wife back to the Cherokee Nation in the spring after the Treaty was passed.

George Musgrove states in his evidence and in his affidavit that William Ross, then chief, told him when to go after his wife in order to get her back to the Cherokee Nation in time to become a citizen. It would be strange indeed if after being so notified he would delay starting for his wife so that it would be impossible for him to return with her in time.

The affidavit of Becky Musgrove, which is hereto attached and marked "Exhibit C" is direct and positive to the effect that she returned, and at the same time the applicant, James N. Vann, to the Cherokee Nation before the passage of the Treaty.

The three affidavits hereto attached, and heretofore referred to, proves that James N. Vann returned to the Cherokee Nation in the spring of 1866. The rolls of the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes show that every person who returned with James N. Vann to the Cherokee Nation, or their descendants, are enrolled and approved citizens.

It is also a significant fact that the Cherokee Nation has not been able to put against James N. Vann a single fact to disprove his contention. He was not represented by council at any of the time he appeared before the Commission, and it is not strange that a man having no experience, no ed-

education and little tact should fall in the pits dug by an astute attorney on cross examination. But it is apparent when his testimony is read in connection with the affidavit of Katy Taylor, that there is no discrepancy between his statement that he started for the Cherokee Nation in February, 1890, and his explanation that "Old Doctor Miller" notified them that they must return by a specified time.

We do not think it necessary to discuss this matter further. We think that the affidavit and evidence clearly entitled the applicant and his children to be in the Cherokee Nation, to enrolment. And we ask the Honorable Secretary to remand this case to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes for further hearing and investigation. We are sure a wrong has been done these people, not intentionally but because of a lack of a full and complete investigation. The Cherokee Nation cannot be harmed by giving the applicants and opportunity to fully present their case, and upon <sup>the</sup> showing that has been made we feel warranted in saying that if they are given this opportunity that we will fully and completely establish their right to be enrolled as Cherokee Freedmen.

Wm Rick  
Attorney for applicants,  
Mound City, Kansas.

James C Vann  
for himself and for his children  
William Vann,  
George Vann,  
Cleveland Vann.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
Northern District, Indian Territory, ss:

William Richards, doffice address in the City, Kansas,  
being first duly sworn, says, that on the 27th day of January, 1929, he  
appeared before the United States doffice at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
where J. C. Smith, Special Agent in Charge, doffice at Muskogee, addressed to Bell,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory, Attorney for the Cherokee National Bank, is

known to him, and that he is a resident of the City of Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
and that he is a resident of the City of Muskogee, Indian Territory, and that he is a resident of the City of Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Wm Richards

and on the 27th day of January, 1929, at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

James H. Langley  
Attorney for the Cherokee National Bank

Commission expires

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for the making of an  
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James H. Van, et al

as Charles F. F.

member of the  
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HP

appeal and ap-  
plication for a  
Rehearing.

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DISTRICT COURT OF THE FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT SITTING  
WITHIN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF FRANKLIN FOR THE TRIAL OF CAUSES ARISING  
UNDER THE LAWS OF KANSAS. TERM AT THE OCTOBER TERM BEGUN AND HELD AT  
THE COURT HOUSE IN OTTAWA ON THE SIXTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER A. D. 1866.

Present:- D. M. Valentine, Pres. Judge; John Walruff, Clerk;  
C. L. Robbins, Sheriff.

Twelvth days proceedings Saturday January 20, 1866.

State of Kansas,

vs,

George Vann, William Vann, Eli Vann,  
Samuel Vann, Jesse Vann.

Now comes the county attorney and comes also the defendants  
in their own proper persons and by their attorneys Thatcher & Roberts  
and the jury after hearing the evidence adduced and the argument of  
counsel and the charge of the court retired to their chamber under  
charge of R. E. Jenness who was first duly sworn as their bailiff  
to consider of their verdict & thereupon afterwards came the jury  
aforesaid into open court and returned their verdict as follows,  
to-wit:

State of Kansas,

vs

George Vann et al.

We the jury find the defendants not guilty as charged in the  
information.

G. B. Davison, foreman.

Thereupon it is ordered and adjudged by the court that the  
defendants go hence without day and that they recover of the county  
of Franklin their costs in this case expended taxed at

STATE OF KANSAS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, SS.

I, John Quin, Clerk of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of the State of Kansas, sitting within and for the County of Franklin aforesaid, do hereby certify the above and foregoing to be a true, full and complete copy of the Journal Entry of Judgement in the case of the State of Kansas vs George Vann et al

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in the therein entitled case, as the same remains on file in my office.

In Witness Whereof, I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of said Court. Done at my office in the City of Ottawa, in the County of Franklin and State of Kansas, this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January A.D. 1907.

John Quin,

Clerk of the District Court.

List of Witnesses.

James N. Vann et al.

January 19, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, I. T.

Dear sir;

As Attorneys for George Vann and Martha Williams, in the Freedman Enrollment case of James N. Vann et al, in addition to the list of witnesses submitted therein by I. P. Bledsoe, of which he notified us, we beg leave to submit the following named persons, as witnesses, whom we desire to introduce in said case on behalf of the applicants:-

1. Mary Fields, Lane, Kansas.
2. J. M. Powell, Lane, Kansas.
3. Dr. J. A. Fuller, Lane, Kansas.
4. Albert Wells, Lane, Kansas.
5. J. W. Wells, Lane, Kansas.
6. A. H. Chambers, Lane, Kansas.
7. John S. Hanway, Lane, Kansas.
8. Sam Hanway, ~~Muskogee~~ Dallas, Texas.
9. Duncan Holoday, St. Joseph, Missouri.
10. William H. Ambrose, Greeley, Kansas.
11. Tip Lewry, Greeley, Kansas.
12. Cap't. J. G. Reese, Greeley, Kansas.
13. Charles Smith, Osawatomie, Kansas.
14. H. B. Smith, Osawatomie, Kansas.
15. Johnson Clark, Kansas City, Mo.
16. Lilburn White, Lane, Kansas.
17. Thomas J. Pyle, Ottawa, Kansas.
18. C. L. Robbins, Ottawa, Kansas.
19. P. P. Elder, Ottawa, Kansas.
20. Joe Davis, Vinita, I. T.
21. Nelson Moore, Ketchum, I. T.
22. Katie Taylor, Lenapah, I. T.
23. Becky Musgrove, Lenapah, I. T.
24. George Musgrove, Lenapah, I. T.
25. George West Vann, Hayden, I. T.
26. ~~Mrs. Archer, Poyser Creek, I. T.~~
27. Arch Candrum, Ketchum, I. T.
28. Columbus McMain, Vinita, I. T.

Yours truly,

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**Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.**

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Department of the Interior,

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To **Duncan Holeyday,**  
**St. Joseph, Missouri**

*You are hereby summoned to appear before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes at*  
**Muskogee** in the **Creek** Nation,

*Indian Territory, on the* **Seventh** *day of* **February** **1907** *to testify before said*  
*Commissioner in the matter of the* **Cherokee Freedmen Enrollment case of**

**James N. Vann et al.**

*Dated at* **Muskogee, Ind.Ter.** *this* **1st** *day of* **February 1907**

SIGNED,

**James Bixby.**

*Commissioner.*

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Department of the Interior,

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To **Mary Fields, J.M. Powell, Dr. J. A. Fuller, Albert Wells, J.W. Wells, A.H. Chambers, John S. Hanway, Lane, Kansas. William H. Ambrose, Tip Lowry, Cap't. J. C. Reese, Greely, Kansas. Charles Smith, H.B. Smith, Osawatomie Kansas Johnson Clark, Kansas City, Missouri. Lilburn White, Lane, Kansas Thomas J. Pyle, C. L. Robbins, and P.P. Elder, Ottawa, Kansas.**

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To **Katie Taylor, Becky Musgrove and George Musgrove,**  
**Lenapah, Indian Territory**

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Cherokee F. 666  
Cherokee F.1216.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, I. T., February 7, 1907.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROCEEDINGS

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applications for the enrollment of James N. Vann et al., Cherokee F. 666, and Martha Williams, et al., Cherokee F.1216.

APPEARANCES:

For the Cherokee Nation: W. W. Hastings.

For the applicants: Messrs. Starr & Patten, Vinita, I. T.  
William Rich, Mounds City, Kansas,  
I. P. Bledsoe, Chouteau, I. T.

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The records of this office show that on January 7, 1907, (I.T.D.24468-1906), the Department remanded the above named cases to this office for further hearing and readjudication.

The applicants, attorneys for the applicants, and the attorney for the Cherokee Nation, having been notified that said case would be taken up for further hearing, further proceedings in the matter of said applications were had at Muskogee, Indian Territory, on February 7th and 8th, 1907, as follows:

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Duncan Holoday, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public for the Western District of Indian Territory, testified as follows:

Examination by Mr. Patten:

- Q What is your name? A Duncan Holoday.  
Q Your postoffice address? A St. Joe, Missouri.  
Q How old are you? A Seventy-five years.  
Q In and about the years 1865 and '66 where were you living?  
A I lived in what they called Dutch Henrys Crossing. It is called Lane, Kansas, now.  
Q Were you a soldier during the Civil war? A Yes sir.  
Q When were you discharged from service? A In 1865.  
Q At the close of the war? A Yes sir.  
Q After your discharge from service where did you go?

Did you go back home? A I went right back home; I got home July 4th.

Q How long had that been your home before that time?

A In 1858.

Q About the years 1865-6, about there, did you ever become acquainted with a family that lived in that neighborhood by the name of Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Where did they live from you? A Well, they lived--once I know they lived on the Hanway farm.

Q How far was that from where Lane is now? A About half a mile.

Q This Hanway farm you speak of--what was this Mr. Hanway's first name? A John Hanway. I don't know what-- I don't know where the old gentleman, John's father was living at that time. His name was James.

Q How far did you live from where these Vanns lived? A Half a mile, about.

Q Do you remember any of those people that comprized that family? A Yes, I remember George Vann, and I remember two or three others, or more, but I don't remember their names. There was a good many of them when they was altogether.

Q Do you remember whether or not there was a boy there with them? A small boy at that time? A Yes, I remember a boy-- Jimmie they called him.

Q About how old was Jimmie then? A He wasn't over ten years old I don't think.

Q Do you remember the occasion when there was some trouble occurred in or about that neighborhood between this family of Vanns, or part of them, and some Germans up there by the name of Stroup? A Yes, I remember all about that.

Q Where were you living when that occurred? A Living right there within a quarter of a mile of where it took place.

Q What was the nature of that trouble? A Well, the Vanns had a piece of land rented from Stroup, and when the corn was ripe along in October the Vanns went to gather it; they got their wagons together and went over to gather it and Stroup went and ordered them out of the field. He came out on our side of the creek and wanted to know what to do about it, the Vanns did, My brother was there and myself, and we told them to "go over the next day, boys, and gather the corn". To be careful not to gather anything that did not belong to them. So they went over the next day and Stroup and his son met them in the field with guns, and ordered them to leave, and that was when the fight commenced. Stroup pushed his boy ahead and wanted him to do the shooting, and he shot Nick Rogers, and Nick shot him. That is the way it was. Nick was killed--died on the field, but he was able to shoot after he fell. There was two of them killed then.

Q Nick Rogers was one of the colored men? A Yes, he belonged to that crowd.Q

Q He was the colored man killed in that fight? A Yes sir.

Q Were there any of the Stroups killed in that fight?

A Stroup's son, about 19 years old, was killed.

Q Do you remember what his name was? A John Stroup.

Q How long did you continue to remain in that community after you came there after the war? A I staid there until 1871.

Q Do you remember about the time those people left that community? A Yes, I think I do about the time. I don't remember just the time.

Q About when did they leave? A They must have left there in February. Not later than the first of March anyway.

- Q What year? A 1866.
- Q What year did this killing occur in? A 1865.
- Q Were they tried for that? A Yes, they were.
- Q Do you know what disposition was made of that case?
- A They were acquitted.
- Q Do you know where that trial was held? The trial before the District Court? A Held at Ottawa, Franklin County, Kansas.
- Q You say there were acquitted? A Yes sir.
- Q Was Stroup, or any of the white people, tried for that offense? A Stroup was tried and he was convicted of manslaughter in the fourth degree.
- Q Relative to the time they were discharged and got out of this trouble. Relative to that time,, about when did they leave?
- A That trial was in January, 1866. I can't tell just exactly when they left but it wasn't but about 5 or 6 weeks until they was all gone.. Might have been earlier; the first thing I knew they was all gone.
- Q Did you know what was the general understanding, or what you understood at that time, as to what place or where they left with the intention of going when they left there?
- By Mr. Hastings:
- I desire to object to this question unless this witness knows of his own personal knowledge, and that knowledge was obtained from some one of these parties.
- By the Commissioner: Objection noted.
- A Everybody thought they was going to the Cherokee nation.
- Q That was the general understanding at that time? A That was the general understanding; going back home; that's what they said.
- Q That was a short time after they were discharged from this trouble? A Very short time.
- Q You lived in that community how long continuously after that?
- A I lived there until 1871.
- Q Did you ever see or know of that family being there after the early part of 1866? A They never was there after that time.
- Q When they left that community did they all leave? The whole outfit go? A I think they did; all of them.

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Examination by Mr. Hastings:

- Q Did you know, or had you heard of their talking about having rights down here before they came? A No, I don't know anything about that.
- Q You never heard any of them speak about that at any time?
- A I knew they had been slaves down here; they had their home down here and said they was going home.
- Q You never heard them say anything about the treaty having given them rights in this country? A No, I never did.
- Q What other members were there of this Vann family at this time? A Oh, I don't know. I hadn't been out of the army

long enough to know their names. I knew George Vann amongst them and old Aunt Katie and a small darky boy. He was with her a good part of the time, Jimmie. They were the only colored people in that neighborhood.

Q That was the only colored family in that neighborhood?

A As far as I remember.

Q There wasn't any family there by the name of George Musgrove? A Not that I remember.

Q Nor Zeb Eaton? A I don't remember a single colored family there but this Vann family.

Q If I understand you correctly, directly after this trouble this Vann family left your immediate vicinity. In other words, passed out of your knowledge? A Yes sir.

Q Of course, you don't know of your own knowledge that they at that time came to the Cherokee nation? A No, I don't. I know that they started for the Cherokee nation.

Q You don't remember the special circumstance of their starting? A I couldn't say.

Q You, in your testimony, have intimated that they passed out of your sight some five or six weeks after that trial and you have no distinct, independent recollection of their going?

A I couldn't name the day. It is forty-odd years ago. A man can't remember. I had no occasion to recall these people to my mind for years.

Q You have had no occasion to make any special note of these incidents, have you? A No sir.

Q You haven't got any note of it that you kept yet, have you? No memorandum? A No sir.

Q You are just testifying from memory of that long ago?

A Yes sir.

Q If these people left that neighborhood and went over to another neighborhood, you don't know about that? A I don't know anything about that. I think they didn't though.

Q You don't know that, do you? A No, I don't know.

Q You couldn't swear positively that Jimmie Vann, the boy you spoke about, came all the way to the Cherokee nation with this family? A Of course not.

Q Did you own a farm of your own there at that time? A Yes.

Q Did you live on that same farm until 1871? A No, I didn't live on it at all.

Q Did you live in town? A Yes, I kept the only store there was in that place. I wasn't in business when the Vanns were there.

Q When did you commence business? A Oh, I don't know. In 1867 I think.

Q About what time in 1867? do you think you commenced business?

A February.

Q But you had lived on the farm prior to that time? A I was raised on a farm.

Q Did you live on a farm in the years 1865-6? A I didn't live on it at all--never did.

Q Did you live in town these two years? A Wasn't any town laid out; it was Dutch Henrys Crossing.

Q It is my purpose to find out from you what you were doing

those two years, 1865-6, and do you mean to say by your answering, you lived at a place that afterwards was made a town?

A Yes, Dutch Henrys Crossing was known all over the country.

Q It was not a town when you first went there but subsequently became a town? A Yes sir.

Q Did you start it there when you started a store? A No.

Q You have mentioned all the Vanns in your testimony that you knew that you now recall? A I don't remember the names of but very few of them. I remember the name of George Vann.

Q You met him here this morning? A Yes sir.

Q And talked with him? A Yes sir.

Q And he told you he was there? A Yes, I wouldn't have known him.

Q You would have known him this morning? A Of course not.

Q And you wouldn't have known Jim Vann this morning? A Of course not.

Q And they talked with you and refreshed your memory and told you that was their names? A No sir. They didn't refresh my memory so far as knowing they was there.

Q I am talking particularly as to their names. A I knew George Vann. I wouldn't have known him here from a side of sole leather. Their Aunt Kate worked for my sister and little Jim was with her most of the time.

Q These are the only three names you remember? A I think they are.

Q You have had occasion to meet these three here this morning haven't you? A I met George and Jim.

Q Well, they told you about Aunt Katie? A They told me their Aunt Katie was dead.

Q Said she was dead? A Yes, what I am talking about. There's another Aunt Katie here that I don't know nothing about.

Q You don't know her? A I don't.

Q And never saw her? A I don't know; she lives on a man's farm I know well.

Q Don't you recall seeing her? A No.

Q You don't know when she left there? A No sir.

Q How far was the farm from where you lived? A Three or four miles.

Q You don't know when they left there? A No, I don't know anything about that.

Q Then there were other freedmen in the immediate vicinity that you didn't know? A I didn't know any colored people who didn't belong to this Vann tribe.

Q Were there any other colored people in that neighborhood?

A Not that I remember.

Q You just now testified about this Katie Vann and said she lived over there 2 or 3 miles, and that you didn't know her? A I testified that there was no other colored people that I knew of except what belonged to that Vann family.

Q Didn't you just say that you never knew her? A Yes.

Q And you never knew of her? A No.

Q Then there were other colored people living there whom you didn't know? A They belonged to the Vann family all the same.

Q You didn't know them? A No sir.

Q You didn't know where they lived? A No sir.

Q You don't know when she left there? ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~

A I don't know when she left there; I know about when the Vann people left there; that's all.

Q Did you know a colored woman by the name of Martha Richie?

A No sir.

Q You knew Ike Rogers, didn't you? A I knew Nick Rogers



Q You didn't know Ike? A No sir.  
Q You didn't know Betay Rider? A I might have known them, but as I tell you, I don't remember the names.  
Q What I am trying to get from you is--I am asking you is you simply lost sight of these people shortly after this trial, or do you remember any independent circumstance of their getting up and moving? A I remember when they left that neighborhood. I know that in the spring of 1866 they skinned out right away.  
Q Now, how did they go? A I don't know. They had some wagons.  
Q Did you see these wagons when they left there? A No, I didn't. I saw the wagons before.  
Q Then you didn't see them when they pulled out? A No, they lived further south and I didn't see them when they left.

Witness excused.

J. A. Fuller, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q What is your name? A J. A. Fuller.  
Q What is your postoffice address? A Lane, Kansas.  
Q How old are you? A Sixty years old.  
Q How long have you been a resident of Lane, Kansas, or that vicinity? A My father came to that locality in 1855, and I have never lost my residence there since because while I was in California my wife was there and did business, and we didn't claim to have lost our residence there, and never did.  
Q You have lived there practically ever since 1857? A Well, it will be fifty years, practically speaking.  
Q You are a physician, are you? A Yes sir.  
Q How long have you been practicing medicine at Lane? A About 26 years.  
Q Was you living in that community in the years 1865-6?  
A From the town of Lane we lived about three miles.  
Q What was it known as at that time? A It has had several names. I couldn't say. The fact some of them was nick-names; there was a time it was called Archer.  
Q Was that the place that used to be called Dutch Henrys Crossing? A Yes sir.  
Q Was you a soldier during the Civil war? A Yes sir.  
Q In the Kansas Regiment? A Kansas Cavalry.  
Q When were you discharged and came home after the war?  
A Well, I came home in 1865.  
Q About that time, along in 1865-6, or any time thereabouts, did you ever know a family of colored people that lived around there by the name of Vann? A Yes sir.  
Q Where did they live? A They lived right east of us in the bottom, on what was called Uttley place.  
Q How far was that from where you lived? A My father's place and their adjoined; perhaps across a quarter and a little over--say 3/4 of a mile; perhaps not quite that far.

Q Do you remember at this time of any of the names of these vanns? A I don't recollect any names except this man George; that is all I recollect of the names.

Q Do you remember whether or not with that family there was a small boy at that time? A Oh, there was children around there that belonged to the family but of course at this length of time I couldn't designate.

Q You don't remember the names particularly? A I only remember this one man George; the other they called my attention to I couldn't recollect.

Q There were other members of the family? A Yes, there was a woman and the old people, and there was some others that lived on the place,--the Howard place.

Q Were there very many colored people that lived in the immediate neighborhood at that time? A Well, I think that was about all the colored people that lived there that I recollect.

Q Do you remember about the time and the circumstances of these Vanns getting into trouble there? with some white people?

A I suppose you have relation to the shooting affair they had with the Stroups, and on that subject I don't know except hearsay.

Q Where were you living when that occurred? A At my father's place three miles from Lane; they had a fracas but I don't pretend to know particularly anything about it except hearsay as you would in a neighborhood.

Q What was generally heard in the country? A Yes, talked about the shooting and all such stuff as that.

Q Who was engaged in that controversy--do you know? A A man by the name of Stroup; I don't know what the other fellow's name was. I don't recollect right now.

Q Would you know it if you heard it? A Yes.

Q Was it Nick Rogers? A Yes, that's the man.

Q What kind of trouble did they have? A The trouble, from hearsay, if that would be admissible as testimony.

Q I asked the question.

By Mr. Hastings: I submit that it is not important in this inquiry. The fact has been brought out that there was trouble, and I think that any details about what this man heard about it ought not to go into the record further than just enough to designate what kind of trouble it was.

A Well, it seems it was a shooting scrape in which two parties lost their lives.

Q Who were the parties? A Well, this here Nick. I don't know about the "Rogers", but the "Nick" part was the name of the man, and the young Stroup boy. I don't know what his name was.

Q Were there any prosecutions from that offense followed?

A Yes sir.

Q Were the colored men and any of the Stroups prosecuted?

A Stroup was prosecuted, and how I come to know about that, the county attorneys, in making a speech, told about it and what he did at Lane, and stated that he prosecuted them for the shooting and what it cost and what he had done for the county.

Q Do you know about what time these people left that part of



Kansas? A Well, about. That would have to be "about", because I don't know the day they left. This shooting was over and everything was kind of quiet. They didn't do much talking, but these folks left soon after this shooting. It couldn't have been very long.

Q They were tried, as I understand it, at Ottawa? A Yes.

Q And they left soon after they were gotten out of that trouble?

A Soon after that. I don't recollect seeing this George Vann around there after the shooting very much. Just as to the day----

Q We are not after the day. That would be impossible, but do you know what year? A Well, now, you see in December-- I might have gone home a little before December. I can't tell you exactly.

Q What year? A 'Sixty-five and between December, that is, between '65 and '66 is pretty close together at that time.

Might be over that line a little bit or might be under the line. I can't say positively, but it was close to that.

Q Relative to the time they got this matter settled up and was discharged--through with their trials, relative to that time, when did they leave? A I can't designate now between these two--whether it was 1865 or after? the new year commenced.

Q It was just about that time they went away? A Yes, it was just about that time.

Q You have lived in that community practically ever since, have you? A As I tell you, I never left there.

Q How long did you live there continuously after that? A Oh, a good many years; from the time I came after I was married, and I lived there sometime after that before I went to California.

Q When did you go to California? A I can't tell you.

Q Number of years after that? A After I was married I think about the second year. I don't recollect just the date I went to California, but my wife didn't go with me; she staid here..

Q How long were you gone to California? A Nine months; she staid and attended to the business at home.

Q Have you ever known of these people being up there or living up there since that time they left? A No, that is, not living there as citizens.

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By Mr. Hastings:

Q I believe you stated that you didn't remember the name of but one and that was George? A That was all I remember.

Q This has been a long time ago and you are just testifying from memory? A I am testifying from memory and what I verily believe.

Q But you are testifying not as to when they left up there; you are testifying as to when you didn't see them? A Testifying about the time.

Q But you don't remember any independent circumstance, You just missed them from that country? A It was a matter of talk.

Q Had they told around there that the treaty had passed and that they had allotments down here in this country and that they were coming back to secure them? A I think it was generally talked and generally believed by the people there.

Q That they were coming down here to get their rights by the treaty? A Something of that kind.

Q That is your recollection now? A Yes, they had certain rights. I didn't study about it.

Q But that they had rights down in this country? A Yes.

Q You don't remember this Jimmie at all. A Well, no, I couldn't say I remember this man's name.

Q Now Doctor, you of course didn't follow this? You didn't never see them here in the Cherokee nation. So far as you personally know they might have stepped off along the way and farmed and never come here for years afterwards? A That's as far as I know.

Q So far as you know some of the other members of the family may have come, and if Jimmie was one of them he might have been left with some other of the members of the family that you didn't know? A Yes sir.

Q You don't know in the first place that there was a Jimmie. In the second place you don't know that Jimmie was brought to the Cherokee nation, and in the third place you don't know of your own personal knowledge that the Vanns, after you missed them up there, ever came to the Cherokee nation?

A No sir.

Q You don't remember the year that you went to California?

A No sir.

Q Do you remember the year you were married? A I don't know that either.

Q But you have some children? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the year the first child was born? A I don't recollect that; I have the records you know.

Examination by Mr. Starr:

Q You have the records of your marriage and births of your children? A My marriage is on file in Monroe county. I was married there and the marriage license is on file.

Q You depend largely upon that record? A Yes, if I wanted to know the absolute facts.

By Mr. Rich.

Q About how long after the Stroup trial which you have mentioned was it that you went to California? A Two or three years.

Q You remained how long that time? Quite awhile? A Yes.

Q And at the time of the Stroup trial and for several years immediately preceding--or immediately following, you lived there at the same place before you went to California?

A Yes, I came right home and staid there on the place after I came. After their trial I went to California and my wife staid there.

Q When the Vanns went away at the close of the Stroup trial, was it the same month or the same winter?

By Mr. Hastings: I object to the form of this question as leading.

By the Commissioner: Can't you change the form of your question?

Q You have stated the Streup trial was about the close of 1865 or the beginning of the new year, 1866, as I understand you? A The close of this trial--I don't know when it closed. When I came home the trial--I didn't pay no attention about that, that is, about the trial, but of course we heard talk and I tell you as it seems to me that my testimony wouldn't be no testimony inasmuch as it seems to me I don't know the exact date and you can ascertain the exact date by others.

Q You were there at that time? A Yes, I was there at that time; just three miles; it was three miles from the killing. Two miles and probably three-quarters from where the killing was.

Witness excused.

Tip (H. H.) Lowry, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q State your name? A H. H. Lowrey.

Q You are commonly known as Captain Lowry or "Tip" Lowry?

A Yes sir.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Greeley, Kansas.

Q How old are you? A Sixty-six years old.

Q How long have you been a resident of that part of Kansas?

A About forty-five years.

Q You was a soldier during the Civil war? A I was.

Q Served in the Kansas regiment? A Served in the 11th Ohio.

Q When did you come to Kansas? A In 1859, the first time, and then I came in 1863

Q When were you discharged from service as a soldier?

A The 15th day of August if I remember right.

Q You did not serve through the war then? A I did not.

Q Where were you living during the years 1865-6? Where was your home? A My home was in Greeley Kansas--excuse me. In 1864 I sold out in Kansas and was about two years west of the town of Lane in Franklin county, Kansas.

Q Was Lane a town at that time? A No.

Q Was that the same place as was known as Dutch Henry's Crossing? A Yes sir.

Q About 1865, the latter part of 1865-66, did you ever know a family of colored people living in that community by the name of Vann? A Yes sir.

Q About where did they live? A They lived at different places. Some of them was on the Hanway place, and some of them in what is known as Indianapolis west of Ossawatimie.

Q Did you ever know the names of any of those people or get acquainted with them? A Not in particular. I knew George Van,, and I will state why I knew him better; he used to be quite a violinist and I was a great fellow for dancing, and I

knew George better than the rest of them for that reason..

Q Do you remember the occasion of part of this family of Vanns having trouble with the Stroups? A Yes sir.

Q What was that trouble? A Well, I only got that as hearsay; it was over some corn or some farm products that they had the difficulty. Its been so long I am not charging my memory, but they had some difficulty about it and had a gun play, and some of them are not here today as a result.

Q What was the result of that trouble? A Why, there was some of the parties that was arrested and taken to court and just exactly how the terminus was I couldn't state.

Q Did it result in a killing? A Yes, there was two or three parties killed; I don't recollect; two that I know of.

Q Some prosecutions follows, were there? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know about what time these people left that country relative to the time of this trouble? A There was a part of the outfit left early in the spring; they told me they was going away at least, somewhere about February or March. I know it was immediately preceding the trial at Ottawa.

Q In what year? A The spring of 1866, the trial.

Q You say there was part of them left early in the spring?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know when the other part left? A The other part to my understanding was-- that is--I got it very straight from the parties that was interested in this trouble, they left in the fall--at least I never saw them there after that. My business was buying and handling cattle and I rode all over that country, and I asked Stroup one day what had become of them, and he said "Them damned sons of bitches pulled for the nation and it was damned good for them that they had; that's the only thing I knew that they had left and I never saw them after that.

Q About when was it that you had that conversation?

A It was along sometime-- I think the last my partner and I drove, about the 15th or 20th of November.

Q What year? A 1866.

Q That was, they kind of went in different groups? A Yes-- the Vanns?

Q Yes. A Yes sir.

Q Have you ever known of them up there since that time? Have they ever lived there since that time? A I never have.

Q At the time you had this talk with Stroup in which he made that remark, at that time were they gone? A They was all gone so far as I knew. I didn't know what had become of them. We had stopped to give the cattle rest in the shade and I asked him what had become of the Vanns, and he said the damned sons of bitches had pulled for the nation and it was a damned good thing for them that they did. My partner, Robinson, said, I thought he already had trouble enough-----

Examination by Mr. Hastings.

Q Was this man Stroup convicted? A I couldn't testify as to what disposition was made of the case.

Q Where these negroes, any of them, ever convicted? A Not

that I know of.

Q Then there was no prejudice against them? A Didn't seem to be any; they seemed to be good citizens.

Q There was no prejudice against the colored people or these people either? A Not that I know of.

Q Do you know whether this fellow Streup ever received any sentence for this alleged killing? A I don't.

Q I believe you stated that there were two or three families of these Vanns? A That was my understanding; they was scattered over the country and it was my understanding that there was two or three families of them.

Q And they left at different times? A Yes sir.

Q Of course you kept no memorandum? A No, I didn't charge my memory.

Q You are just testifying now from something that occurred more than forty years ago? A Yes sir.

Q Your attention had only been called to it during this last year? A Yes, people have frequently spoken of this occurrence. I have passed by there frequently with parties--

Q But I mean the particular circumstance of the Vanns leaving.

A What I know was just that in the spring there was some of them went, and then another bunch shortly after the terminus of their trial.

Q You don't remember the independent circumstance of their leaving, but you just missed them? A Yes.

Q They might have gone over on some other farm in the neighborhood without your knowing it? A Yes, might.

Q You don't know whether this particular applicant was one of them or whether he came to this country with them or not?

A No sir, I don't.

Q You don't know if these Vanns left this neighborhood, but they may have stopped in that vicinity? A No.

Q You don't know which part of them you missed at one time and which part you missed at the other? A I seen this George Vann there sometime about the Fourth of July.

Q Then George was living there yet? A Yes, I think he was. I recollect him. He was a violinist and in fact I knew him better than I did the rest.

Q And he remained there? A Yes, I think he remained there some time during the summer.

Q Do you know where he lived? A He lived at Hanway's place, or was around there a good deal.

Q There were other colored people living in that vicinity?

A Yes sir.

Q You don't intend to identify this applicant, Jim, at all? You don't know anything about him individually? A No, I don't remember if that is the one. There was a small boy and there was 2 or 3 old men and a couple of old ladies that I recollect being there that belonged to the Vann family. A boy about 7 or 10 years old, somewhere along there. I didn't ever take into consideration his name.

Witness excused.

Dr. J. A. Fuller, being recalled, testified as follows:

By Mr. Starr:

Q You are the same J. A. Fuller that was on the stand a few moments ago? A Yes sir.

Q I would like to ask you if there is any particular circumstance by which you remember George Vann better than the rest of them? A I had business transactions with him. I sold him a violin and he worked for us; of course that makes me better acquainted with him.

Q You remember the occasion of selling him a violin? A Yes.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q When did this George Vann leave that country? Did he leave there at the time the other people left of whom you testified when you were on the stand a few moments ago? A Why, he left with the crowd is my understanding. I didn't see him go.

Q He couldn't have been there the following spring and summer without your knowing it? A No, they rendered a good deal of service to my father who was sick and died, and they were very friendly to us, and we knew them very well.

Q He left there a short time, or immediately after, this Stroup trial? A It couldn't have been very far.

Q Then if Mr. Lowry, who has just been upon the stand, testified that George Vann was there the following spring and summer and as late as the fourth of July anyhow, do you think you or he is mistaken, and which do you think is in the better position to know about it? A I don't know; I am just telling what I know.

Q Then if George Vann was there as late as the fourth of July, some six or eight months afterwards, you don't know when he left that country? A He might have come back.

Q If he actually was in that country and remained there during that spring and summer and was there on the fourth of July, you are not able to testify as to when he did leave there, are you? A He was not around our place.

Q Then you don't know when he left Kansas? A I don't know the exact date, but he did leave there, and I believe the boys, if they ever come back into that country, would have come to our place,--if you will allow this testimony.

Q Then if he was around there in the spring and summer as testified to by Mr. Lowry, and if he remembers distinctly the circumstance of his being there as late as the fourth of July, you simply didn't see him? A No sir.

Q Of course, if he was there as late as the fourth of July, so far as you knew it might have been later, and you don't know when he left, do you? A No sir.

Witness excused.

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Duncan Holladay, being recalled, testified as follows:

By Mr. Hastings:

Q You were on the stand a few moments ago? A Yes sir.

Q I believe you gave testimony then with reference to a member of this family whose name is George Vann? A Yes sir.

Q How soon after this trial that grew out of the difficulty between the Vann family and the Stroup family, did this George Vann leave that section of the country? A I couldn't tell you. I don't know.

Q Was he one of them that left along with the others?

A Why, I suppose he was; he was gone during that time and I don't know whether he left with the others or not; I know they all left there.

Q You just talked of them as all that bunch? A Yes, that's the way I knew them.

Q You never knew them separately? A No, they were there when I came home from the army and in four or five months afterwards they were gone.

Q Have you any independent recollection of George Vann leaving?

A No sir.

Q Did he leave with the others? A I think he did.

Q Did you know more about him than the others? A No, I simply knew there was a George Vann.

Q But you saw him there as late as you saw any of the rest of them? A I suppose I did.

Q So far as you remember you did? A Yes, I can't remember when I did see him last.

Q You saw the rest of them then as late as you saw George Vann?

A As far as I can recollect, yes.

Q And they all went at the same time? A Yes, so far as I know

Q You have got no information to the contrary? A No sir.

Q Which member of the Stroup family was convicted?

A The old man

Q Did he go to jail? A No, he paid a fine.

Witness excused.

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John S. Hanway, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Starr:

Q State your name? A John S. Hanway.

Q What is your postoffice address? A Lane, Kansas.

Q What is your age? A Past 72.

Q How long have you been a resident in about the vicinity of Lane? A I come right back to Fort Gibson to Humbolt and from there on home.

Q You lived in that neighborhood during the years 1865-66?

Q I have lived there fifty years the 17th day of March except four years in the army.

Q While you were living there about 1865--66, did you know a colored family by the name of Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Did you remember any of the members of that group of people?

A I knew old Gilbert Vann. Rented him a farm in 1865, and then his two boys, Eli and Jess I think. I can't remember about the names.

Q Do you remember whether they had with them a young boy then, these people? A I don't remember him.

Q How far did these people live from where you lived in 1865?

A They lived in a cabin I had.

Q Joining on your farm? A Yes sir.

Q Are you still living on that same place? A Yes, different house though.

Q Do you remember the occasion when these people got into trouble up there with Stroup? A Yes sir.

Q What was that trouble? A As I understood it, Bill Stroup had rented some corn to Nick Rogers on the land and the following year Nick Rogers and these Vanns went over to gather the corn. I don't know whether it will be permitted in the case or not, but the boys was cleaning out their guns and getting ready to go and gather the corn..

By Mr. Hastings: I will object except it be shown that they simply had a difficulty--I will object to the details.

By Mr. Starr:

Q I will ask you to explain it without going into too much details.

By Mr. Starr. I want him to answer the question and go ahead and explain it.

By the Commissioner: Make it as brief as you can.

A Well, they was getting ready to go to the farm and they started soon after I did., Nick Rogers and some of the boys, and I tried to prevail upon Rogers not to go; that that was not the way to settle things up in that country. In the course of a couple of hours I went up to my house and Gilbert Vann come rushing up and said that young Stroup and Rogers was killed.

Q When did that occur? A I couldn't tell you that.

Q About when? A I couldn't give you the date; I was at the trial.

Q Do you know what year it occurred in? A 1865.

Q What part of the year? A In the fall of the year.

Q The fall of 1865 when this shooting scrape was? A Yes.

Q Did any prosecutions follow that? A Yes sir.

Q Who do you remember was prosecuted? A Stroup; the boys was all arrested and taken up to Ottawa.

Q The Vanns, you mean? A Yes sir.

Q Stroup was also prosecuted? A Oh, yes.

Q When these Vann boys were arrested and got into this trouble of this shooting affair, did they have any attorney, do you know?

A Which, the Vanns?

Q Yes. A Yes, the preliminary trial was Governor P. P. Elder of Ottawa.

Q Do you know who paid him to defend them? A I think father did.



Q Were they represented by counsel in their final trial? at Ottawa? A Yes, Judge S. O. Thatcher.

Q Who employed him to defend these people at that time?

A My impression is that my father did.

Q He assisted them did he, in that trouble? A Yes, in that way.

Q When these people got out of that trouble and were finally discharged at Ottawa, relative to that time, when did they leave the country, do you know? A Well, a portion of them left as I remember in the early part of the year, the spring I think. I would not be positive but I think sometime in the spring.

Q Shortly after they were acquitted? A Yes sir.

Q That same spring? A Yes, the trial was in January.

Q What year was it? A In 1866. The first trial was in 1865 as I understand it, and the other trial was in 1866.

Q It was shortly after the last trial you mean, that they left? A Yes sir.

Q When they left there in the spring, part of the family, where did they say they were going? A The old gentleman was living on my place, Gilbert Vann, and he said, and it was generally understood that they were going to the Cherokee nation; in fact, they had been advised that the best thing they could do was to go there.

Q Have you been living in that neighborhood continuously since that time? A Yes sir.

Q Have you ever known of their being there or living there since that time? A No, I haven't seen any of the Cherokee outfit.

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Examination by Mr. Hastings.

Q How old did you say you were? A Seventy-two last November.

Q You say part of them came away and part of them remained up there? A No, you misunderstood me. A portion of them left along in September, 1866.

Q You don't let me get quite through with my question. Part of them left directly after this trial and part of them remained until later? Is that it? A Yes, that's right.

Q Do you know which ones of them remained? A George Vann and I think Eli Vann, and then there was some others; I couldn't call their names.

Q Some others you don't remember? A Yes, George and Eli.

Q You never have seen them in the Cherokee nation until you came here this time? A I saw George Vann when he came back some years ago to get some testimony in this case is the only time.

Q I asked you if you had seen any of them in the Cherokee nation until this time? A No, I know I have not.

Q You don't remember of your own independent recollection this applicant James N. Vann? A No, I don't know anything about it; I don't remember.

Q You don't know when he left there? A No sir.

Q You are not going to testify as to that? A I don't remember anything about James N. Vann--they say--

Q I want to know what you know? A No, I don't know.

Q You don't know, if he was up there, you don't know with what crowd, or if he left with any of these crowds? You cannot

speak of your own personal knowledge? A No, I don't know as I could say individually.

Q Upon what farm did George Vann and Eli Vann and those Vanns that remained there, stay during the year 1866?

A They went away the latter part of November.

Q You don't understand my question. Upon what farm did they remain? A They may have farmed; I don't know.

Q Do you know where they lived during the year before they left there? Where did they live? A George worked for me but I don't know exactly how long; he worked around in the neighborhood there. He worked for father.

Q Did Eli and some of the rest of them work around there?

A They all worked around there, yes.

Q It was generally known that they were in the neighborhood?

A I suppose so.

Q There was no concealment about it? A No sir.

Q The people up there were not unfriendly towards them because they came clear? A No, they were not unfriendly towards them at all.

Q There was no unfriendly feeling against these Vanns at all?

A The Stroup crowd probably felt bitter to wards them.

Q But the Vanns remained there until the following fall?

A Yes, the latter part of September.

Q Well, that is in the fall, isn't it? A Yes, I don't think there was any of the Cherokee crowd that was there in 1867. I didn't see any of them around there.

Q What you are testifying to is that you just simply didn't see them? A I saw George Vann. I had him hired and Eli broke some horses for me and we used to hire a good many of those colored fellows.

Q Please listen to my questions so your answers will be responsive. Do you mean to say that you didn't see George and Eli after the latter part of September, 1866? Is that it?

A Yes, I didn't see them.

Q You don't remember the individual circumstance, for instance, of their packing up and leaving, but you missed them about that time? A Gilbert Vann---

Q You know I never asked you about Gilbert Vann in this question. You know that. I am asking you about George Vann and Eli Vann. A I say Gilbert Vann worked for me occasionally--

Q That is not responsive to my question. You don't remember the individual circumstance, for instance, of their packing up and leaving, but you missed them about that time?

A It is George Vann and his crowd that you have reference to?

Q Yes. A George Vann and two other boys, I don't remember their names, they came up to our neighborhood and moved away from there. I can't say positively whether I saw them pack up or not.

Q You don't know where they went to of your own personal knowledge? A The old gentleman told me they was going to the Cherokee nation. He was the Moses of the whole outfit, Gilbert Vann.

Q You know as well as can be that I am asking you about George Vann, and you know this was in the fall, and you know that you swore that Gilbert Van left there in the early spring. Why do you persist in injecting something something that is not in this question? Why do you answer like that? A I am telling you about George Vann. Gilbert Vann and two other parties came up there in our neighborhood and left from there for the Cherokee nation.

Q Now I will ask you if you remember any individual circumstance

of George Vann leaving there and you go on again and tell about Gilbert Vann. Do you know about George Vann leaving there? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the individual circumstance of their leaving there? Or do you just know that you just missed them from up there? A I have said two or three times that he came up and started from our yard there. I can't state just exactly the time but it was towards the latter part of November.

Q You think the latter part of November? A Or September.

Q I am asking you if you know the individual circumstance?

A No, I don't.

Q You then simply know that you didn't see him after that time? You saw him up until the latter part of September or October, and never saw him afterwards? Is that it?

A Yes, only when he come up there a few years ago.

Q I am not asking you about that. I am asking you about his leaving up there. A Well, havn't I answered it?

Q Then, if I have got you right, you remember seeing him up there until the last of September or first of November, or October, and then you simply missed him and didn't see him after that? A I didn't see him after that.

Q Then you don't remember the circumstance of their packing up and moving away from there, but you do just remember having missed them from there? Is that right?

A Yes, I missed them.

Q When old man Gilbert Vann that was talking to you about the time you claim he left there, did he tell you of his having rights in this country down here? That a treaty had passed and given him rights in the Cherokee nation? A I don't remember about that. The old man rented my farm and in settling up the business he said that he was going to the Cherokee nation.

Q Did he say he had a right down here? A I don't remember hearing about a right.

Q You don't remember the names of Gilbert Vann's family?

A I believe there was an Eli and I think Jess.

Q But you think they remained up there? A I think not.

Q Didn't you testify that Eli remained up there until the following fall? A To go back, he--

Q Let's see about Eli remaining up there after Gilbert left?

A He remained there awhile I guess.

Q And did Jess remain there awhile? A I think he did. I think Eli and Jess. I believe one of them started for the Nation by himself, but I don't remember which it was.

Q Then there didn't all of that family come together? A Not at the same time, no.

Q You never did see them in the Cherokee nation until this trip down here? So far as you know individually, they might have stopped along the road and farmed that year?

A I don't know anything about that.

Q You don't know whether they landed down here or not?

A I don't know anything about it.

Q Do you live on that same farm yet? A Yes sir.

Q Who lived on that farm in 1868? A Well, I don't remember.

Q Who lived on it in 1871? A I have been renting it out all

the time. I can't remember the names of the different parties.

Q Who lived on it in 1869? A I don't recollect.

Q Who lived on it in 1867? (No answer)

Q It is a hard matter for you to remember these occurrences?

A Yes, after passed forty years a man seventy years old can't remember.

Q That is what I wanted to call your attention to, the difficulty of remembering who was on the place. A If I had my books I could tell you who was on my farm at different times.

Q Did you bring your books with you? A No sir.

Q Can you tell who farmed it in 1875? A No sir.

Q Then you couldn't tell, say for 18 67 and on to 1897, during a period of thirty years; there is not one of these years that you could tell or remember so as to state from memory who lived upon and far ed your farm any particular year, could you? A They had about 900 acres of land and we rented it out first to one and then another, and then farmed ourselves, and I didn't keep any track of it.

Q I was asking you if you could name any one of those tenants during the thirty years who was on the farm any particular year from 1867 to 1897? A No sir.

Q Can you remember any one of these-- A I can remember when I was mustered out of the army and some of those things.

Q I am asking you about these tenants on your farm in from 1867 to 1897? A No, I can't tell you.

Q Do you know what year you were married? Married before the war or after the war? A I think likely it was after the war, in 1866.

Q I am not asking for the purpose of irritating you, but I think you ought to be a little more definite under oath?

A In 1866 I was married the second year after I came home. I came home in May, 1865.

Q And the second year after that you were married? Is that it? The second year you came out of the army? A I came home in 1865.

Q That isn't the question I asked you. I asked you if it was the second year. Not whether it was 1866, '67 or '65, but I asked you if it was the second year after you were mustered out of the army that you were married? A Yes sir.

Q You swear that do you? A It was in 1866.

Q That isn't an answer to my question. A I answered it before that.

Q I want an answer now. If it was the second after you were mustered out of the army that you were married, then it was the first year after the war, wasn't it? It wasn't the second year after you were mustered out? A From the time I come home in 1865, and '66 makes the second year. If you count it after 1865 then it was one year.

Q How many children have you got? A Two

Q When was the second child born? A In 1868 I believe.

Q Are you positive of that? A No, I aint.

Q It is pretty difficult to remember those dates that long ago, isn't it? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Patten:

Q The circumstance of that murder up there was a circumstance

that was generally known throughout that whole country?

Question objected to by the representative for the Cherokee nation because this question is leading and ought not to be asked of this witness.

By the Commissioner: Can't you change the form of the question.

Q The circumstance of this murder was pretty much talked about? It was pretty much and pretty well known throughout the whole country? A Yes, it created a good deal of excitement.

Q Do you remember in your mind the time of the circumstance happening? A No, I don't.

Q You were living there at that time? A A I was a witness in the case.

Q You remember the trial of the case. A Yes, I was at the trial.

Q You say that these Vanns left at two different times? Part at one time and part at another? A Yes sir.

Q When the first party left when was it with relation to the time this trial was at Ottawa? A Sometime in the early spring.

Q Following that when was it that the rest of them left?

A Along in the fall.

Q Of the same year? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q You have been testifying, have you, on cross examination, that all of these Vanns left on two different occasions? Didn't you say that Eli and some of them left along at different times?

A Two different times I said.

Q Did Eli and George and Jess leave at the same time, or did Jess leave at a separate time from George leaving? A As I understood it George and Eli and I think one or two others went later on. Gilbert Vann and Rogers went in the early spring.

Q Have you looked up the court records with reference to the date of this shooting and trial? A The last trial was in January--

Q I asked you if you had looked up the court records?

A No, no, no.

Q Has that been discussed among you as to what the court records show? A No sir.

Q You never talked it over with any of these witnesses at all?

A Well, at the trial of the case one of the things---

Q That isn't one of the things I am talking about. I asked you if you discussed it with any of these witnesses, what the court records show? A I never seen a copy of these papers. I never seen a copy of the court records at all.

Q I am not talking about the official papers. Have you seen any papers with reference to the date of this trial of Stroup and the Vanns within the last few months, since you have been asked to be a witness in this case, or while you have been talked to with reference to being a witness in this case?

A I saw a letter that was written to William Ambrose

Q Did that letter have anything to say about this trial and



the date as to what the records contain? A I think not?  
Q Did it say anything about it at all? A No sir.  
Q What did you mention the letter for then? A I will tell you. You mean the date of the trial was mentioned?  
Q Yes. A. I don't think it was mentioned in it.  
Q When were you first talked to with reference to being a witness in this case? A A month ago or something like that.  
Q During that conversation was the question of the time of this Stroup trial mentioned? A I think not.  
Q Was it, this difficulty, spoken about at all? A It was spoken of there was going to be a trial here---  
Q Oh, about that Stroup trial, was that mentioned when you were talked to about a month ago? A I think not. They mentioned the fact of the Vanns and Stroups.  
Q When did they mention that? About a month ago when they talked to you about it? A I think about that time.  
Q Didn't they talk to you about the difficulty that Stroup and the Vanns had? A We all knew that.  
Q That aint what I asked you. I asked you if they talked to you about it? A As far as that letter was concerned they spoke they was going to have a trial down here to establish the date of these nigger Vanns, and I told them I didn't know anything at all about it.

By the Commissioner: Confine yourself to the question. You can say whether that circumstance was talked to you about or not.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q When were you talked to with reference to being a witness down here--at that time was the circumstance of the Stroup and Vann trial mentioned? A The witnesses that was sent here, you know of course that we talked over the matter.  
Q The committee who came down here has gone into this proposition and has talked about it? A Not very extensively.  
Q Well, have you talked about it? A Yes, we have.  
Q That is what I am trying to get you to say. When did you first talk about it? A I couldn't tell just exactly. I have been gone away from home a good while. I just got home a short time ago.  
Q Were you asked to be a witness before you got back home? A No sir.  
Q When were you asked to be a witness here? A I can't remember the exact date.  
Q Was it thirty days ago? A Month ago, something like that?  
A I don't think---  
Q Who was the letter from? A It was from the attorney of the colored boys here.  
Q What are the names? A Patton, and what is the other name?  
Q Starr? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you first talk with any of the other witnesses, or Patten & Starr, personally, about what you knew about this case? A Oh, I guess about ten days ago, probably.  
Q With whom did you then talk, say ten days ago? A I talked with some of the witnesses about the matter as we was coming down together.  
Q Who were they? A White and this Lowry, and I wont be sure, but I think Holoday.

Q During these conversations with these witnesses the question of the Vann and Stroup difficulty and trial was mentioned, wasn't it? A The date of the first trial I think was mentioned. No one seemed to know.

Q During these conversations was the date of that trial ever mentioned? A I think it was; the date of the last trial.

Q Did any of these witnesses, or any of the persons with whom you have ever talked since you were spoken to to be a witness here, and up to this hour, say to you or in your hearing or presence, what the records show as to the date of that trial of the Vanns and Stroup? A Yes.

Q Who was it said that they had examined the records and knew what the records showed? A I can't just exactly say.

Q But that was mentioned and talked about? A Yes, the last trial was mentioned; the other they didn't know about.

By Mr. Patten:

Q You are acquainted with Judge Keys, the gentleman sitting there by you? A Yes, he was up there and staid with me.

Q Did he discuss this case with you at that time?

By Mr. Hastings: We object to the question as irrelevant and immaterial and not proper redirect examination. Objection overruled by the Commissioner.

A Yes, we talked the matter over.

Witness excused.

Mary Fields, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public for the Western District of Indian Territory, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q State your name? A Mary Fields.

Q How old are you? A Seventy-nine the 23rd of March

Q What is your postoffice address? A Lane, Kansas

Q Is that the same place as was known years ago as Dutch Henry's Crossing? A Yes sir.

Q How long have you lived in that neighborhood? A Forty years. We bought the farm there forty years ago.

Q When did you come to that country, in Kansas? A We come here in 1859. I am English; we come here in 1851 to the United States and then we moved and arrived here in the fall of 1859; we moved to Kansas in about five years from where we were living--

Q Have you lived there continuously ever since? A Yes sir.

Q Where were you living in 1865-6? A We was living--we hadn't then built out new house; we was living there in a log cabin not more than half a mile from that woman.

Q What woman? A Katie.

Q Kate Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Along in 1865-66 were you acquainted with these Vanns?

A Yes, perfectly acquainted.

Q Did you see them frequently during that year? During the years 1865-6? A Yes sir.

Q What were the names of some of them? A There was two women called "Aunt Katie", and one of them died. This one is one of them.

Q Did you see her here today? A Yes sir.

Q You are satisfied that she is one of them? A Yes, and I knew the boy the moment I saw him.

Q What is that boy's name? A Jimmie Vann

Q This Jim, or Jimmie, as you call him, did he live with Aunt Kate, as you call her? A Yes sir.

Q How far did they live from you? A Half a mile. There was not many days they were not at my house. They sometimes suffered for something to eat. This boy here today said, "I remember your feeding me".

Q Did you help take care of them? A I did.

Q Other than besides Aunt Kate as you call her and this boy Jimmie do you remember any of the rest of these Vanns? A I don't remember much of the boys but the women I remember; and Billy Vann; he got shot.

Q This applicant Jim Vann, or Jimmie, you can look around and see if you can identify him in this room? A No, he is not here.

Q Do you recognize that fellow (pointing to a colored man) as the one? A Yes, I recognize that fellow as being the one.

Q Do you remember the circumstance of when these Vanns and Stroups had their trouble? A Yes sir.

Q How did that come up? A This Nick Rogers rented the Stroup farm and there was a dispute about gathering the corn and Mr. Stroup forbid these men gathering corn, and he went and got some guns and revolvers and said he was going to gather it, and finally he went to work and went to shooting. That was in 1865.

Q Who was killed? Was anyone killed? A Yes, Stroup's oldest son and Nick Rogers.

Q Do you know whether or not any prosecutions followed that?

A I don't know.

Q You don't know whether they were prosecuted or not? A No sir.

Q Do you know whether the Vanns were tried? A Not exactly tried; they gave themselves up.

Q They didn't resist arrest? A No sir.

Q And they gave themselves up and were tried? A Yes sir.

Q Relative to the time they were tried and got out of this trouble, when did they leave here? A Early in the spring of 1866.

Q Was that right following the trial? A Yes, just as quick as they got through with the trial they started to move. This woman and that boy was the first to make a start.

Q Who do you mean by this woman? A This Aunt Kate that's out there.

Q Aunt Kate Vann? A Yes.

Q By this boy, who do you mean? A Jimmie Vann.

Q And they left shortly after they got out of the trouble?

A Just as quick. The others didn't leave quite as soon but it was early in the spring of 1866.

Q The others left afterwards? When? A They just strung



right along, one after the other.

Q All got out that year? A All got out.

Q That year? A That year.

Q You have lived in that country ever since have you? A I have.

Q Have you ever known of their having lived up around there since that time? A No sir.

Q When they left that time where did they say they were going?

A To the Cherokee nation.

Q How long had you known them up to that time? A Three or four years.

Q Ever since they had been there? A Yes sir.

Q Had you seen them quite frequently? A Yes, quite frequently. Billy Vann got shot but until then he came to our house most every day.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q You knew the old man, Billy Vann, did you? A Yes, I was well acquainted with Billy Vann.

Q Do you know what relation the old man, Billy Vann, sustained to this Jim Vann? A I think he was his uncle. I am not positive.

Q Do you know what relation Katie Vann sustained to Jim?

A Yes, mother--grandmother.

Q Was one of the Katies his mother? A Yes sir.

Q And the other grandmother? A Yes sir.

Q There were two Katie Vanns? A Yes sir.

Q And one Katie Vann was his mother and the other was his grandmother? A Yes sir.

Q And have you seen this Katie Vann who was the mother of the boy, Jim, whom you have testified about? A She is dead.

Q Have you seen the Katie Vann that is here today? A I have. That is the woman that brought this boy---

Q Is that this boy's mother? A No sir.

Q The other Katie Vann was this boy's mother? A They claimed she was his mother.

Q I noticed you testified that one was his mother and the other was his grandmother? A They claimed that on Katie Vann was grandmother.

Q Did they claim that the other Katie Vann was his mother?

A No, his grandmother.

Q You know that one Katie Vann was his grandmother; how about the other? A This Katie Vann here is his aunt.

Q Do you know that? A No, I don't.

Q When did you find that out? A Today.

Q What is your understanding about it? Who did you talk with today? A That old lady.

Q You then rehearsed a lot of incidents that happened there in Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q You went over them with her? A Yes sir.

Q What time did old man Billy Vann--did he live there with Katie Vann and the rest of them? A Pretty much all lived together.

Q What relation was old man Billy Vann to George Vann? Father?

A No, I don't know.

Q He was quite an aged fellow, older than the rest of them?

A Yes sir.

- Q And would he quite an old man if he were living today?  
A Yes, very old.
- Q He left there with the others? A Yes, he was very feeble when he left.
- Q What time did he leave there? A Left there in the spring of 1866.
- Q Did he leave with Kate and this fellow Jim? A Yes sir.
- Q After she left how long was it before George and the rest of them left? A Right away. I couldn't tell; in a few days.
- Q All left within a few days? A Yes, all left there within a few days. I am positive because I lived so close.
- Q They could not have been back there and lived there and worked there without your knowing it? A No sir.
- Q You knew George Vann well? A Yes sir.
- Q If Mr. Lowry swears that George Vann remained there during another summer, and others, and worked for them, then you didn't see him, did you? A No, I didn't, and I think it is a mistake.
- Q It has been a long time ago, hasn't it? A Yes sir.
- Q And your testifying of your own independent recollection?  
A Well, when one Vann left they all left.
- Q Did Aunt Kate tell you about her having a right in the Cherokee nation? A No sir.
- Q Didn't say anything about it? A No sir.
- Q Did she say anything about a treaty passing and giving them rights? A No sir.
- Q How far did you live from them? A I lived half a mile; no more, and they lived there 3 or 4 years. They was there in '50 ('60) and '65 and '64 and '63. I don't say they were all there, but the family was there.
- Q All you mean to testify to is that you just missed them from there at a certain time? A Yes sir.
- Q You don't know whether they went to another farm near there, or stopped before they got to the Cherokee nation?  
A No, I don't.
- Q You never saw them again until this time? A No, never know where they lived until this time.
- Q Were any other colored people living in that vicinity?  
A No, I don't think but one colored family.
- Q What was their name? A Johnson, real old people; they lived here several years.
- Q You don't think you could be mistaken about Eli and Jess and George remaining there during that year and left in the fall? A I am positive they didn't; anyway, not around that neighborhood.
- Q You lived at Lane? A Yes sir. I lived three miles from Lane.
- Q That was the same neighborhood that the Vanns lived in?  
A Certainly.
- Q You lived on a farm? A No, my husband died and I lived with my daughter.
- Q You remained there? A Yes, and we used to assist them frequently.
- Q You don't remember the independent circumstance of their leaving? You just missed them? A I remember they went away.
- Q Do you remember George going? A I can't say I did.
- Q Do you remember his leaving the rest of them? A I saw him, but I was not so well acquainted with him as the others.

Q Do you remember Eli and Jess going? A I do.  
Q What time? A Early in the spring of 1866.  
Q Now, if Mr. Hanway and Mr. Lowry and others of these witnesses testified that they didn't leave there then but was there during that spring and summer and early fall of 1866-- if they testified that they left there the first of September or first of October, do you think they were in a better position to know about it, or that you were? A I think I was in just as good as they was.  
Q They couldn't change your opinion? A Not a bit.  
Q You are equally positive? A Yes, I know that they left that part of the country so that they never was heard of.  
Q The question is now,-- have you any memorandum in your possession about this? A No, no more than I know that they left in 1866.  
Q Who lived on your farm in 1876? A I did.  
Q Did you have any renters? A No.  
Q Did you ever have any renters? A No, we always hired our help.  
Q Who did you hire in 1876? A Not a Vann.  
Q I didn't ask you that. A Not a Vann we didn't hire because the Vanns was gone.  
Q I am trying to test your memory--do you know who worked for you in 1876? A Yes, I do.  
Q Who? A A fellow by the name of ---I forget his name.  
Q Who worked for you in 1873? A A man by the name of George Vann, but no relation to these Vanns.  
Q How and why do you remember that George Vann worked for you thirty-four years ago? A How do I remember--because I do.  
Q Do you mean to say that you remember of your own independent recollection that a man,--what particular man, worked for you thirty-four years ago? A Yes, and he is in Ossawatimie now and I can prove it.  
Q Who worked for you in 1869? A Tom Shepherd.  
Q How long did he work for you? A Three summers.  
Q What summers did he work for you? A Three farming summers.  
Q Well, what three summers? A Well, I think it was '67 and '8  
Q You think it was one of those years? A Yes sir.  
Q You are not right positive which? A Yes, I am pretty near.  
Q Well, if you are let us have it? A Yes, he worked for us.  
Q That isn't the proposition. I am asking you what year.  
A Tom Shepherd.  
Q I asked you what year? A It was '76 and '78.  
Q I asked you about '67 and '68 and '69. What were you talking about? A I don't know really. Mr. Fields was not in good health. I don't know as we had any help.  
Q You are judging because of his health? A Yes sir.  
Q You are just drawing conclusions as to whether you did or didn't because of the condition of your husband's health?  
A I tell you it wasn't a Vann  
Q Who worked for you in 1871? A What difference does that make?

By the Commissioner: Answer the question.

A I don't really remember.  
Q Who worked for you in 1881. A I don't know that.  
Q It is pretty difficult for you to remember these things, and that is the purpose of my asking these questions. A Yes,

- because I don't suppose that I ever taxed my memory.
- Q You seem to be positive of the time old man Vann left that country, do you? A Yes sir.
- Q You swear to that, do you? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you remember of anyone else ever having been killed in that vicinity since the trouble between the Stroups and Vanns?
- A No sir.
- Q Nobody else? A Not that I remember.
- Q Remember anyone being shot? A No sir.
- Q Never was anyone shot up in that country since then? A Not that I remember of.
- Q Have you talked with the witnesses here with reference to the date of his trial? A No sir.
- Q Has your attention ever been called to it since you have been called as a witness? A I don't know as it was, particularly.
- Q I didn't ask you particularly. I asked if your attention was called to it at all. A No, I don't remember it has.
- Q Was it ever mentioned? A No sir.
- Q Never was? A No.
- Q And never was before you got on this stand? A No.
- Q Do you mean to say that the attorneys for these applicants and no witnesses, at any time previous to your taking the stand during the course of the preparation of this trial since you have been here, ever mentioned to you, or talked to you in your presence or hearing, about this Stroup and Vann difficulty or trial, to which reference has been made in your testimony?
- A Oh, I don't really remember just whether there was.
- Q You don't remember whether this incident has ever been mentioned in your presence or hearing? A I said I don't know about it, whether it has been mentioned to be.
- Q Wasn't you inquired about what you knew of this case?
- A Yes sir.
- Q And during the course of that investigation wasn't this incident of the difficulty between these families referred to?
- A ~~I was asked if I remembered what year the Vanns~~ left.
- Q I am asking you if the incident of the Vann difficulty was ever mentioned-- the Vann-Stroup difficulty.
- A Yes, I have heard it a good many times from the different neighbors.
- Q I am asking you this question--if during the preparation of this trial, if the incident of the Vann-Stroup difficulty or trial was mentioned in your presence or hearing by either of these attorneys or by any witness? A No sir.
- Q Never has been mentioned? A No.
- Q You wasn't inquired of about what you knew about that?
- A No sir.
- Q Do you know a man by the name of George Musgrove? A Yes.
- Q Know Zeb Eaton? A I have heard the man spoken of. I don't know as I know him.
- Q And you never saw old man Billy Vann after Kate and Jim left? A No sir.
- Q You think he left there with her? A I think he did.
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By Mr. Patten:

Q When you met Kate Vann after you came here, you talked over old times with her? A Some, yes.

Q You recognized her as being the woman you know up there?

A Yes sir.

QQ You recognized Jim, here?

Question objected to as leading by Mr. Hastings.

Q Do you recognize this woman that you met today, Kate, as being the same woman that you saw up there? A Yes sir.

Q Do you recognize this man here, Jim, as being the same boy? A The same boy that drove her team when she stepped before the door. He was large enough to drive the team.

Q It is a fact isn't it, that until I asked you on the stand today about the Vann-Stroup trouble, that I never asked you about that? A No.

Q Did you know at that time up there, did you know one of these Vanns named Jess? A I have heard him spoken of.

Q You were not personally acquainted with him? A No sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Were there any other Vanns lived with this self same family other than the two Kates and Jim? A No, little Billy.

Q And Billy Vann and Jim Vann and the two Kates comprised this one individual Vann family? A Yes sir.

Q And no more or no less? A No more and no less.

Witness excused.

Lilburn White, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public for the Western District of Indian Territory, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q State your name? A Lilburn White.

Q What is your residence? A Lane, Kansas.

Q Your age? A Sixty-two.

Q How long have you been a resident in and about that neighborhood of Lane? A Ever since 1859.

Q That place Lane, Kansas was years ago, used to be called Dutch Henry's Crossing? A Yes sir.

Q Were you a soldier during the Civil war? A Yes sir.

Q Enlisted in a Kansas Regiment? A Twelfth Kansas Regiment.

Q When did you come home after that war? A July, 1865.

Q Did you come back to the neighborhood of Lane? A Yes, my father lived there within two miles.

Q Did you live there with your father during the years 1865-6 along there? A Yes sir.

Q Being there about that time, 1865-6, did you ever get acquainted with a family of colored people, or a small crowd of them, by the name of Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Where did they live? A Around and about Lane. Some one place and some another.

Q Did you know about those that at one time lived on the Hanway place? A Yes sir.

Q Did you ever know the names of any of those Vanns?

A I remember George and Eli Vann, and some others, but I couldn't recollect--its been so long ago.

Q Did they have any women with them? A Yes, some women with them, but I didn't know them.

Q Would you remember their names if you heard them? A No sir.

Q Do you remember a little boy they had with them? A No, I don't remember him.

Q Those Vanns, do you remember the occasion when they had some trouble with the Stroups over there? A Yes sir.

Q When was that, about? When did that come up? A The fall of 1865, corn gathering time. I lived about two and a half, or two miles away.

Q Did they have trouble over the corn? A Yes, rent corn.

Q Stroups were white people were they? A Yes sir.

Q What was the result of that trouble? Result fatally?

A Yes, a nigger killed and a Stroup killed.

Q Do you remember what negro it was that got killed?

A No, I don't remember the name.

Q Would you remember the name if you heard it? A No, I don't think I would. I didn't try to remember it at the time and it is a long time ago.

Q Do you know whether or not either of those colored persons or Stroup, were ever prosecuted? A Yes, I knew about the trial at the time.

Q Was you a witness at that trial? A No sir.

Q Do you know what disposition was made of the colored persons?

A My understanding was they were acquitted, but as I understood it there was no one interested in it only the ones killed; the rest was discharged.

Q About when was it, if you remember, that they had their last trial? That is, the trial in which they were discharged?

A My understanding is it was in the fall, after the fall term of court. The deed was committed and of course they couldn't have a trial until the January term of court.

Q That would be what year? A That would be January of February 1866.

Q Relative to the time that they had this trial and were acquitted, do you know when these people or any of them left this community? A Yes, they left during the spring of the year 1866.

Q You don't recollect seeing any of them after that? A No sir.

Q Did you understand at that time whether it was reported where they left for? A The understanding was that they went to the Cherokee nation; we called them Cherokee Niggers.

Q Have you lived in that community continuously since that time? A I lived 10 or 12 years in the Osage country.

Q For a few years immediately following 1866--from 1866 to 1876, did you live there? A No, I only lived there until the spring of 1869, and then went to the Osage country and was there 10 or 12 years, and came back there.

Q Since they left there have you ever known of their being there or living there? A Not living there.

Q Nor of their being there? A No, I have never seen any of them but I understand one of them was there once about a year ago.



Q Other than that you have not seen them there? A No, never seen one of them there.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q You don't remember, Mr. White, the independent circumstance of their leaving there--you just missed them? A Yes, I missed them in the spring or summer of 1866.

Q You mean that after this trial was over a short time, they passed out of your knowledge and you didn't know what became of them? A No, the understanding was they went away. I was well acquainted with two or three.

Q Who? A Eli and George.

Q When did you last see George? A Not later than the summer of 1866. Along in the spring or summer.

Q What you mean to testify to is that you didn't see him after that time. You don't know what became of him? A No.

Q You don't know what became of Eli? A No sir.

Q You don't know what became of old man Gilbert? A No sir.

Q You don't know what became of him? A No, I haven't seen him since.

Q You don't know whether they moved out of your neighborhood some few miles and farmed that year? A Well, they would have to move a right smart piece away.

Q You don't know whether they stopped at adjoining towns or not? A No sir.

Q You never did know this particular applicant, James Neal Vann? A No sir.

Q You don't know whether he came in that bunch or not? A I don't know anything about it.

Q I want to know the facts of what you know; you don't know of your own knowledge? A No sir.

Q Since you have been spoken to as a witness in this case, has the circumstance of this Vann-Stroup difficulty been talked about? The witnesses have talked about that and refreshed themselves? A Yes, refreshed.

Q All the witnesses that came from Kansas have talked about this? A Yes, and it was talked about at Lane when they investigated it.

Q And you went and examined the records about it? A Yes, so as to be certain about the circumstances.

Q In other words, it was necessary for you to look up the records to refresh your memory? A No, I haven't.

Q They were looked up by other people? A Yes sir.

Q And you were talked to about it? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know old man Billy Vann? A Not by name. I knew several Vanns but I didn't know that name.

Q You didn't know only George and Eli. A That is all I can recollect now.

Q You don't remember the rest of them at all? A No, I remember them being there.

Witness excused.

Joe Davis being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane,  
a Notary Public for the Western District of Indian Territory,  
testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q What is your name? A Joe Davis.

Q Your postoffice address? A Vinita, I T.

Q Your age? A Fifty-two.

Q You are a freedman citizen of the United States? A Yes sir.

Q Are you acquainted with the applicant in this case, James,  
Neal Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know him before the war or not? A No, I never  
knew him until after the war.

Q You don't know whether he went out of the nation during  
the war? A Not of my own personal knowledge.

Q When was the first time you ever saw James Neal Vann in  
the Cherokee after the war? A In the fall of 1866.

Q Where did you see him? A On Spring Creek.

Q What was he doing there? A We all lived there together.

Q How big was he when you first saw him? A Probably two  
or three years ~~springtime~~ older than I was; raised up together,  
and lived off and on together ever since. Lived there on the  
place together.

Q When you first saw him after the war he was just a boy?  
A When?

Q In 1866? A On Spring Creek? Yes.

Q Was he living with anyone at that time? A Uncle Sam and  
Aunt Katie Vann.

Q What is the same party tht is Aunt Katie Tayler now?  
A Yes sir.

Q Have you known him intimately since that time? A I have  
known him ever since.

Q Do you know whether or not he has lived in the Cherokee  
nation continuously since the first time you saw him there?  
A Lived there continuously.

Q Did you go out of the nation during the war? A No sir.

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Examination by Mr. Hastings.

Q How old are you? A Fifty-two years the 27th of next Nov.

Q You are in your fifty-first year? A Yes sir.

Q How old were you in 1866? A I guess 10 or 11 years old.

Q Where was Jim Vann living the first time you saw him?

A Well, the first time I recollect seeing him ~~springtime~~ he was  
living with Uncle Sam and Aunt Katie on Sprung Creek.

Q What place? A Uncle Sam Vann place. I think he bought it  
from Frank Concine.

Q Living on a place of their own? A Yes sir.

Q About what time in the fall did you see him? A Well, it  
was somewhere along; I don't know; September--August, September,  
October.

Q What time did you go up to Spring Creek? A Made two or  
three trips up there. First time I went up there--once or  
twice before I moved there.

Q When did you move there? A Fall of 1866.

Q What time of the fall? A I don't know; along September



or October; somewhere along there.

Q You don't remember what month it was? A No, I wouldn't say positive.

Q This James Neal Vann was living then with Sam Vann, was he?

A Yes, with Uncle Sam and Aunt Katie.

Q Is that the same Katie Vann that is out here now? A Yes.

Q Was Sam Vann her husband? A Uncle Sam was her husband.

Q And they were living there together? A Yes sir.

Q Did they have any children at that time? A Yes, had two.

Q What was the oldest ones name? A Let's see: Patsy, and had a boy named Joe.

Q About how old was Joe at that time? A Guess he must have been about two years younger than me and Patsy and me was about the same age and Jim Vann was two years older than me.

Q Then they had a boy about that time about two years younger than you by the name of Joe? A Yes, Joe was some younger than me.

Q It is your best judgment that he was about two years younger than you? A Yes sir.

Q Was old man, Billy Vann, there? A No, not with Uncle Sam.

Q Did you see him there on Spring Creek at all at that time?

A No, I don't recollect whether I did or not.

Q You didn't see him there at Sam's? A No, I know I didn't.

Q When did you first see him? A Which one of the Bill Vanns?

Q The old man, George's father? A Let me see, I don't recollect Uncle Billy Vann like I do Uncle George. Uncle George lived there at that time.

Q Was there an Eli? A Yes, Uncle Eli lived there.

Q Was there a Jess? A Uncle Jess lived there too.

Q Was there two Katies, or one? A Oh, let me see. I don't recollect but this Aunt Kate.

Q You don't remember any more? A No sir.

Q Do you remember Sam? A Yes, I knew Uncle Sam.

Q You don't remember old William Vann or Billy Vann? A No, I don't recollect him, I recollect Uncle George awful well, though.

Q Did you know the Martha Vann place up there? A Let me see; no, I don't recollect; might, though.

Q Where was this Uncle Sam Vann place that you describe?

A Well, sir, it was about a mile and a half or two miles south and east of the old Joe Vann place.

Q How far from the river? A Grand River?

Q Yes. A Quite a ways from the river, Six, seven or eight miles from the river.

Q The place that was occupied by Sam Vann was some 6, 7, or 8 miles from Grand River? A Yes, according to my best judgment.

Q Do you know who occupies that place now, or how the place is now? A No sir.

Q Was it on the prairie or in the bottoms? A On the bottoms in Spring Creek.

Q These people were living on Spring Creek in the bottoms, on on which side? A I think they was living between--there is three prongs of Spring Creek at that place where they was living.

Q Who owned the farm next to this Vann place upon which they were living at the time? A The nearest farm to amount to anything at that time I expect was the Joe Vann place.

Q How many miles was that away? A Mile or mile and a half southeast of the old Joe Vann place.

Q Was this Sam Vann place occupied as a farm before the war?

A I couldn't tell you; it was an old farm.

Q Was it a new house or an old house they were living in?

A Old house, probably built a year or such a matter.

Q Were there any other children there besides Patsy and young Joe and James Neal Vann? A Not at Uncle Sam's place there wasn't; not living there.

Q You say old Uncle Billy Vann didn't come with them? A I don't know.

Q You didn't see him up there at all? A No, I think he lived over in where Uncle George lived.

Q Did you see him over there? A Well, I don't recollect.

Q Were you ever at Georges' place? A Yes, I used to be on the place.

Q Did you see his father ever there? A I don't recollect Uncle George's father; he slipped my mind.

Q Was George Vann married then? Or living by himself?

Q I don't know whether Uncle George was married at that time.

Q Well, you know where he was living there? A Yes?

Q Was he an Uncle of yours? A No.

Q What do you call him uncle for? A He was kind of head amongst us.

Q Where was he living at that time? A He was living I think he lived about a mile and a half or two miles from where Uncle Sam lived.

Q With whom was he living? A No, that's where you have got me. He lived with himself I guess.

Q Was he married? A I tell you I don't know. I can't recollect.

Q Well, was he living there by himself? A No, he was living with a family.

Q With what family? A I don't know; his family I guess. I think so; sometimes I talk about it I think he was living with his father or mother or some of them.

Q Then you never were at George Vann's place were you? A Yes.

Q I mean right there in that neighborhood? A Yes, I think I was.

Q I want to know who was there. A I told you I couldn't tell you.

Q What kind of a house was he living in? A Kind of log house; that's about all the kind of a house a nigger did live in at that time.

Q You are just drawing conclusions about it? A No, I know I saw the house.

Q Who did you see over there at that George Vann place, with whom he was living? A I told you I couldn't recollect.

Q Do you recollect seeing anybody? A Uncle George.

Q Who else? A Some women folks.

Q Who were they? A I can't tell you.

Q You can't remember a single one of them? A No, I can't remember forty years ago.

Q You testified in an affidavit to support a motion to reopen in the case of Abbie Blythe, P. D. 257, did you?

A Yes sir.

Q And you are the same Joe Davis that testified in the Payton Martin case, P. D. No. 304? A Yes sir.

Q You are the same Joe Davis that made an affidavit to support a motion to reopen in the Gertie Martin case (P.D. 280, are you not? A I don't know whether I made affidavits for that or not.

I can't recollect.

Q Are you the same Joe Davis that made an affidavit to support a motion to reopen in the case of Andrew T. Waitie? A Yes sur.

Q You did that, did you? A Yes sir.

Q You are the same Joe Davis that made an affidavit to support a motion to reopen in the Jenny Martin case P.D.197?

A I guess I did. If its there I made it.

Q Well, did you? I want to ask you under oath if you made it?

Q Jenny Martin?

The attorneys for the applicants desire that it be suggested as to whose return these affidavits refer. If he don't remember the case by name he might refresh his memory.

By the Commissioner: Can you not bring it out on re-direct examination.

By Mr. Patten: The witness is apparently on record as answering questions which he don't understand.

A I don't know what Jenny Martin it is. I don't remember making any affidavit for Jennie Martin. Explain to me and let me know what it is before I answer the question.

Q The name of Jenny Martin's father is given as Nels Martin and the mother as Henny Martin? A Well, I don't remember whether or I made an affidavit for them or not.

Q I don't mean with reference to the case of Nels. Martin and Henny Martin, but I am now advising you as to who are the parents of this Jenny Martin. Now, did you make an affidavit in the case of Jenny Martin either with reference to her return or that of her parents? A I don't recollect whether I did or not.

Q Well, do you know when they returned?

By Mr. Patten: We desire to object to this question as irrelevant and immaterial on cross examination, to the issues of this case.

By the Commissioner: Objection will be noted.

A I don't recollect about their return, about them; there was so many of them.

Q When did you leave Fort Gibson and come up to Spring Creek?

A I left there in the fall sometime.

Q About what time in the fall? A Well, I don't know. I think somewhere in September or October.

Q How many more citizenship cases have you testified in?

A Good many of them. Not near as many as I could testify in.

Q That is not the question. I asked how many you have testified in? A I don't recollect; don't know.

Q How many do you remember? A I don't recollect unless they was called to me? A I don't remember; probably 20 or 25.

Q You were 10 or 11 years old in 1866? A Yes, good big boy. I lived right along with these people and been living with them ever since.

Q Are you the same Joe Davis that in the Riley case testified

that in the fall of 1866 you went up to see the Rileys on the old Jack McNair place? A Yes, they lived 7, 8, 9, miles from where he lived on Spring Creek, the very place I was talking about then.

Q You are the same Joe Davis that testified that you went there and that your Uncle Fred Martin was living on that self-same place? At that time? A I aint got no uncle by that name.

Q Well, you said Fred Martin? A I said he was living on one of the McNair places.

Q I will ask you if you didn't swear in your examination in the Riley case that this Fred Martin was living on this same place where the Rileys were living?

By Mr. Patten: The question is objected to as irrelevant and immaterial to the issues of this case, and we insist on the objection.

By the Commissioner: The objection will be noted and the witness will be permitted to answer.

Q (Q. Repeated).

A I want to ask the Commission one thing. I want you to allow me to explain myself. I see right there, since I have studied it over. Uncle Fred Martin did live on the McNair place, but it was not this place where the Rileys lived.

Q I will ask you if you did not testify before that he was living upon the self same place, the self same McNair place, upon which the Rileys were claimed to be living at that time?

A I don't think I testified to it. Since my mind is refreshed Uncle Fred didn't live on that place

Q On the same side of the river that the Rileys lived? A No, I think it is on the other side.

Q Then the Grand River was between them? A If I could--of course I was not acquainted with the Uncle Fred place. That was nine miles from where we lived.

Q You found that out since you testified in the Riley case? A No, I don't think so. I don't think I said Uncle Fred was living there.

Q How long did Sam Vann and this principal applicant James Neal Vann continue to live upon the place upon which you found them when you first saw them as you state, when you came up on Spring Creek? A We all lived there together 2 or 3 years. We was the first ones that left that place and Uncle Sam and then moved over on Goose Neck right where Uncle Sam and Aunt Katie lived, and all the rest of them.

Q Then this fellow, Sam Vann and the principal applicant, James N. Vann, and Katie continued to live there until you left in 1869? A Yes, we left there first.

Q This Sam Vann, sometimes known as Sam Switch? A Yes, same man.

Q You say there were some six or eight miles from Grand river? A Yes sir.

Witness Excused.

Katie Taylor, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q State your name? A Katie Taylor, now.

Q How old are you? A Sixty-two.

Q Your postoffice address? A Lenapah, I. T.

Q Are you a recognized citizen of the Cherokee nation--freedman?

A Yes sir.

Q On the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.

Q What was your name before it became Taylor? A Katie Vann.

Q What was your husband's name? A Sam Vann.

Q Did you go out of the nation during the war? A Yes sir.

Q Where did you go? A Up in Kansas.

Q Whereabouts in Kansas? A Indianapolis, close to, I forget the name of the place. It was right near Indianapolis, close to Ossawatimie.

Q How long did you stay there? A About two years.

Q Did you live any other place down there? A Above there.

Q Where? Jacksons place 3 or 4 miles above there.

Q Near what place was that? A Ossawatimie. It was above Ossawatimie.

Q How long did you stay there? A Staid there one winter and summer.

Q Then where did you go? A Then we came down here to the Nation.

Q Did you ever live at Dutch Henrys Crossing? A Yes, just below there on the northeast side of the Creek.

Q You are acquainted with the applicant in this case, James Neal Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know whether he went out of the nation during the war?

A Yes, he went out.

Q Who did he go out with? A With me and the crowd.

Q Who was in that crowd? A Well, Law, I couldn't tell all the names that was there but I can tell who all I come back with.

Q When you were living up there didn't you live in the neighborhood of Dutch Henrys Crossing? A Yes, and Uncle Gilbert Vann, Eli, George, Dave, Ellis, Dennis, Aunt Mary; Sarah Rogers, she belonged to the Vanns.

Q Was this applicant James Neal Vann there?

A Yes sir.

Q Who did he live with? A He staid with me. My husband was his uncle. His grandmother and uncle's mother and all staid in one place together. Part of the time he was at his Uncle Jess', and on Sundays and holidays we would be together. Neighborhood of colored people; all Vanns. I can't tell all the names there was there not.

Q While you were living up in Kansas, do you remember any of the white people, neighbors up there? A Yes, I remember a good many of them.

Q Name some of them? A I remember the Holidays and Whites and Bryants and Yeumans and Hearst, and his folks.

Q Know Mrs. Fields? A Yes sir.

Q Part of these people are witnesses in this case today?

A Yes sir.

Q How close did you live to them? A Mrs. Fields lived right at Indianapolis where I did.

Q How large was James Neal Vann, the principal applicant, at that time? About how old? A He must have been about ten years old then.

Q Do you remember the occasion when some of your people up there

got in trouble with Stroup? A Yes, my husband was in it.

Q What was that trouble? A About corn; about the crops.

Q What was the matter? Did they settle it? A There was some murdering done. Two killed, Nick Rogers was killed and Stroup's son.

Q Were either of these people ever prosecuted? A Yes sir.

Q Were the colored people prosecuted? A Yes sir.

Q Who was? A My husband, Sam Vann, Uncle Billy, George Vann, Eli Vann, Jess Vann, Dave Vann.

Q The ones that were prosecuted? A Yes sir.

Q Were those parties arrested? A Yes they was arrested--- well, I don't think they put them under arrest. I don't know.

Q Some of those people that were arrested and in trouble were witnesses? A Yes sir.

Q Did they try them? A Yes.

Q The colored people, what became of them, did they discharge them or find them guilty? A They discharged them; didn't find them guilty.

Q Where did they try them? A Ottawa.

Q When, if you know, did this applicant, James N. Vann, return to the Cherokee nation after the close of the war? A Yes, he returned in the spring of 1866.

Q Who did he come with? A Come with George Musgrove and Zeb Eaton and me and my two children and Granny Betsy and Granny Nan and Jess Vann.

Q When did you leave Kansas relative to the time of this trouble and murder? A The next spring, early, about the last of February.

Q How long, if you remember, after they were discharged and formally gotten out of their trouble, the last trial. How long after that before they started? A It was the next spring, in February.

Q The spring following? A Yes sir.

Q Was George Vann there? A Yes sir.

Q Did he come down when you folks came down? A No, he came in the fall?

Q Of the same year? A Yes sir.

Q Where did you go when you came down here? Where did you locate? A Went down there to that old \_\_\_\_\_ house of Vanns and camped; the river was up and we camped a week and then we went across the river to the Dave and Martha Vann place.

Q Who did James N. Vann live with? A His uncle Jess Vann. He plowed their field.

Q Where were you living? A Living right there; worked for Sam Downs.

Q He was living with all of you? A Yes, it was a big place. A good many colored people; there was houses left there and there was a good many freedmen settled there.

Q William Vann, old man, William Vann, did he got back to the Cherokee Nation? A Yes; I don't know what time he came. He didn't come with me, and I don't think he come with George. Might have; I didn't see him.



By Mr. Hastings:

Q Now Auntie, how far is the Martha Vann place from Grand river? A Why, it aint no distance.

Q It is practically on the bank? A No, it aint on the bank-farms between.

Q I mean the farm is on the bank of it? A Pretty much on the bank; in the bottoms there.

Q The farm that you mentioned that you cultivated or that these boys cultivated in the year 1866, was that on the bank of Grand River? A It was not right on the bank; a good step; I can't tell; its been so long since I was there; it was not right on the bank but it was right in the bottoms.

Q How far was the house from the river? A About a mile.

Q This farm was down in between the river and the house?

A Pretty much; I can't say exactly.

Q It was quite a large farm? A Yes, it was a big farm.

Q With whom did Jim Vann live during that year 1866?

A He staid with his uncle Jess and plowed, right on that place that summer.

Q Where did you live that summer? A I staid right there awhile until the crops was laid by and then I got a chance to go up the river to the Daniels place from my brother, and I went up there and heard of the killing, and my husband was in that crowd and he went on down to the south of the river, and I was not there. I had the two little children, and he went up the river and--

Q I am not asking you about that; I am asking you where you lived. A I didn't have no certain place to live. I had to stay where I could.

Q Where did you and your husband live? A On Spring Creek.

Q When did you commence keeping house on Spring Creek?

A Along about November.

Q What time, first or last? A I couldn't tell you just what time. The reason I know it was November was because we was gathering corn and he gathered corn for Martha Vann.

Q You didn't commence living on Spring Creek until November?

A Yes, along about that time.

Q Where did you move from when you moved there? A From the Bob Daniels--from the Martha Vann place he carried me back to the Martha Vann place.

Q Then the first time you lived on Spring Creek was sometime in November of that year? A Yes sir.

Q Where did James N. Vann live during the summer and fall - the first summer and fall, after you came back here? A Why, he lived right there on the place with his folks.

Q On the Martha Vann place? A Yes, but after they gathered the crop he went on Spring Creek to Jess; came and bought a place there.

Q When did Jess Vann get the place on Spring Creek? A He bought it from old man Vann in the bottom. He had an old field grown up and no fence or anything, and he bought that.

Q Did James Neal Vann live with him? A Yes, and the old folks. He went right there on the same place.

Q He made his home with his granny there? A Yes sir.

Q Your husband was named Sam? A Yes sir.

- Q How far did you live from them? A About a mile up the creek.
- Q Where did George Vann live? A Lived way up 5 or 6 miles up the creek close to the Rowe place.
- Q With whom was George Vann living then? A George was living to himself because they built a house and made a crop on the Rowe place.
- Q On the Dave Rowe place? A Yes sir.
- Q And he was living to himself? A Yes, Ellis his brother, and Aunt Mary.
- Q Did George make a crop in 1866? A No sir.
- Q It was the next year? A Yes, it was in the fall when he came down, but Uncle Gilbert made a crop in 1866.
- Q You had two children when you came did you? A Yes sir.
- Q How old was your boy Joe? A He was about six years old, going on seven.
- Q How old was Jim? A About 11; big enough to plow.
- Q Where was Dr. Miller living when you went to the Martha Vann place? A He come just after we come and moved across the river on the west side.
- Q About how far? A I can't tell; about 2 or 3 miles I guess; I am not sure about the distance because its a good while ago.
- Q Who all made crops on the Wartha Vann place the first year you came there? A Jess Vann, George Musgrove, Randall Foster, Jerry Foster, Zeb Eaton.
- Q Did Ned Adair make a crop on this Martha Vann place that year? A He worked there; I don't know whether he made a crop.
- Q Did Ned Adair board at Downs'? A Yes, some of the time, and at Lewis Downs.
- Q Did Lewis Downs live west of the river? A Yes, awhile.
- Q Was he living on the west side of the river when you came there? A No, I don't know where he was living. Part of the time he was at Sams and sometimes he was down there by Salt Lick; I don't know exactly.
- Q Where was Sam Downs living when you first came there? A He was living on the Wartha Vann place.
- Q And you didn't see Ned Adair on the Martha Vann place that year? A A Yes sir.
- Q And he worked some there in the neighborhood did he? A Yes sir.
- Q Do you know whether he made a crop on that place that year? A No, I don't know; he was around there working with the boys.
- Q Where did he and his mother live that year? A They staid some with Lewis Downs after I went there to cook. Lewis Down's wife was Ned Adair's sister.
- Q Did they live up there on this Martha Vann place? A They was together some.
- Q Did Lewis Downs live on the Wartha Vann place? A No.
- Q Did Sam Downs live there? A Yes, he did when I went there.
- Q If I understand you correctly, Sam Downs was living on the Martha Vann place when you went there? A Yes sir.
- Q And you say Ned Adair and he worked around there some, but you are not positive whether he made a crop there or not? A No sir.
- Q And you saw Lewis Downs about Sam Downs, but he didn't live on that place? A Yes, Ned Adair was not there when I was there.



I never saw him there after I went there that summer.

Q How long was it after you went there before you first saw Ned Adair? A I couldn't tell you just how long. I couldn't tell you what month; along that summer. Must have been June or July sometime.

Q Where did George Musgrove live in Kansas? A He didn't live there. His wife was there.

Q What was his wife's name? A Becky Musgrove.

Q Did she live with your people? A Not with me; she lived about 3 or 4 miles from us; she lived with Eatons.

Q Did Zeb Eaton live there at that time? A Yes sir.

Q On whose place did he live? A I can't tell you; they rented a place; I can't tell you the white folk's names.

Q Did you people come along in the same wagon with George Musgrove? A No, we had a team.

Q You had a team of your own? A Yes, Jim drove my team. He was a boy big enough to drive a team.

Q I will ask you if Dr. Miller came to your house that fall before James Neal Vann came down here, to notify the people to come back the following year? A Well, he notified us now, certainly. I just forget whether it was in the fall of the year or when, but he surely notified us: That's how we first knew we could come back.

Q Did he say that they had made a treaty and that you were entitled? A He said they was going to make one.

Q And you were urged to come back in a hurry in order to get your rights? A Yes sir.

Q And that is the reason you came? A Why certainly; glad to get home again.

Q I will ask you if you didn't make an affidavit on the 25th of January, 1906, before W. E. Stinchell, a Notary Public, to support a motion to reopen this case in which you stated that late ~~xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~ in the fall of 1865 the old Doctor, (referring to Dr. Miller) "came to my house to see my husband and in my presence told him that he had received a letter from the Cherokee Nation telling him to notify all the negroes who belonged to the Cherokee nation to get back in 1866"?

A Yes sir.

Q That was in the fall of 1865, was it? A I can't tell whether it was in the fall or the latter part of the summer. He is the one that notified us, and it was before 1866 that he notified us all.

Q I will ask you if in that same affidavit you didn't say that one of the letters that the Doctor got was from William Ross, the Cherokee Chief? A Yes, it was from William Ross.

Q Was William Ross Chief at that time? A Well, he was appointed.

Q Well, he was-- A..But old John Rogers was Chief at that time, but he was not here. He was out yonder and died there.

Q But William Ross was acting Chief at the time one of these letters was sent to Dr. Miller? A That's what was said.

Q One of the letters was from Chief William Ross? A Yes, that's what they said.

Q And he was the chief of the people? A Yes sir.

Q And that was told you at that time? A Yes sir.

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By Mr. Patten:

Q Mrs. Taylor, in continuation of what Mr. Hastings has asked you did you not also say, continuing, that his letters said that the Cherokees were going to make a treaty and let everybody that belonged to the nation come back and have a right if they got back in 1866?

By Mr. Hastings: I object to the question because this is redirect examination, and this is an attempt to introduce the parties own affidavit in evidence when she is here to testify herself.

By Mr. Patten: We submit that it is proper for the reason that the attorney for the Cherokee nation read a part of the sentence to the witness and the remainder which I read follows the statement immediately preceeding this, and explains for itself what the witness meant when she made that affidavit.

By Mr. Hastings: The witness is here upon the stand and she can be asked for an explanation on a re-direct examination. She could be asked on cross examination for the purpose of impeaching her, if she didn't make affidavit along certain lines, but certainly an affidavit of her own cannot be introduced while she is on the stand testifying, when she is present in person to make any explanation she desires to make.

By Mr. Patten: We respectfully submit that at the beginning it was improper to ask the witness if she had not made a certain statement, and only read a part of the sentence; that it would be misleading to only read a part of the sentence.

By the Commissioner: The objection of the attorneys for the Cherokee nation will be noted. The witness is permitted to answer.

Q (Q. Repeated) A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Don't you know that this treaty was not made un til July, 1866? A Well, it was going to be made. Dr. Miller told us.

By Mr. Patten:

Q Where were you living when the treaty of 1866 was passed?

A I was living down here on the river in the Nation, here.

Q In the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

Q How do you know when the treaty was passed? A I heard them talking; everybody was talking about it.

Q Wasn't it a fact that the treaty was discussed long before it was passed? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Can you read and write? A No, I can't, but when I heard

anything good for us I always paid attention to it and remembered it.

Q Are you the Katie Taylor or Vann that testified in the More Riley case? A Yes sir.

Witness excused.

George West Vann, introduced on behalf of the applicants, being first duly sworn by Frances P. Lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

Q By Mr. Patten.

Q What is your name? A George West Vann.

Q What is your age? A About 54.

Q Your postoffice address? A Haden, Indian Territory.

Q Are you a freedman citizen of the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

Q Are you on the 1880 roll? A Yes sir.

Q Did you go out of the Cherokee nation during the war?

A Yes sir.

Q Who did you go out with? A With Gilbert Vann and some others.

Q Who were some others? A Whole lot of them; it would take me half a day to tell you.

Q Where did you go? A Went to Dutch Henry's Crossing; Lane now

Q Who did you live or stay with at Lane? A We first stopped on the Howard place, and moved from there to the Partridge place.

Q Did you ever live any other place? A No, we worked for several parties.

Q Are you acquainted with the applicant, James N. Vann?

A Yes sir.

Q Do you know whether he went out of the nation? During the war? A Yes sir.

Q Where did he go? A He was living with his uncle, Sam Vann, on the place with Vanns.

Q Did he go to Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q To Dutch Henry's Crossing? A Yes, lived at Dutch Henry's Crossing close to Ossawatimie.

Q Did they live close to Lane, or in the immediate neighborhood? A Yes, between Ossawatimie and Lane.

Q Who did James N. Vann live with? A He lived with his Uncle Sam, and sometimes he would be with Jess.

Q Was Sam Vann married? A Yes sir.

Q Who was his wife? A Katie Vann.

Q She one of the witnesses here today? A Yes sir.

Q Did he stay with her? A Yes sir.

Q Do you remember the occasion when those Vanns up there got into trouble with Stroup? A Yes, I recollect that well.

Q Were you one of the parties that was in that trouble? A Yes.

Q What was the trouble about? A Gathering corn.

Q What was it about? A Do you want me to tell the whole--what was the trouble? It come up about corn. Rogers and Stroup. Rogers had leased the farm from Stroup for three years and when he went to gather the corn, Stroup told him not to gather it, and you know how a man is, he went to gather it and the

shooting commenced.

Q Anyone killed? A Two killed.

Q Who. A John Stroup and Nick Rogers.

Q Anyone prosecuted? A Yes sir.

Q Who among the colored people? A Me and Uncle Sam and Eli and Dave was prosecuted.

Q When did this shooting occur? A Now, I just don't know.

Q When did this trouble come up? A I think October.

Q What year? A 1865.

Q Where was the trial where you were tried? A Ottawa.

Q When was it tried? A I think in January.

Q Of what year? A 1866.

Q What was the result of that trial? A We was acquitted.

Q Was Stroup also tried? A Yes, they was acquitted too.

Q Were they acquitted? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know that they were? A Well, I think they was. All of us come home together.

Q When, if you know, did this applicant leave Kansas and that country in Kansas? A He left that country in Kansas sometime in the winter, I think February.

Q What year? A 1866.

Q That was this applicant James E. Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Relative to the time you folks were tried at Ottawa and acquitted and came home, when did James Neal Vann leave Kansas? A Left right off.

Q Shortly after? A Yes sir.

Q Who did he come with? A Jess Vann and Cynthia Vann and George Musgrove and Becky Musgrove, Zeb Paton and Jane Paton and Katie Vann, and I believe that is all. They had some children. This Joe Vann.

Q What relation was Katie Vann to this applicant? A She was his aunt.

Q Were there two Katie Vanns? A There was.

Q What relation was the other? A Wasn't any kin at all.

Q When they left Kansas at that time, where did they leave to go to? A Come to the Cherokee nation.

Q You know when they left did you? A Yes sir.

Q Was you there when they started? A Yes, they come by there.

Q You saw Jim Neal Vann in the wagon? A Yes, he drove his aunt's wagon.

Q At that time you didn't live in the same neighborhood?

A No, they lived between Ossawatimie and where we lived.

Q Did you come to the Cherokee nation at the same time James Neal Vann did? A No sir.

Q When did you come? A We started in the last days of September.

Q Then you came in the fall? A Yes, and he came in the winter like, after Christmas, and we come in the same year in the fall.

Q Who came along when you came? A Whole lot of them. Let's see, I will tell about my folks. Me, Gilbert Vann Dennis, Sarah Sims, Charlotte, Sase, Jennie, my aunt Lucy and Patsy, Ebbie and her husband Jess, and Phyllis and Lew, Wattie, William and Sam, aunt Mary, Jane, Chlerie Chateau and her daughter Louisa. I believe that was the bunch when we started from home, and Jack Bean.

Q You got here in the fall of 1866. A Yes sir.

Q Were you in the Horse Creek fight? A Yes sir.

Q Was that the time when you yourself came? A Yes sir.

Q About that time? A Yes sir.

Q When you got down to the Cherokee nation when was the first time you saw James Neal Vann?

A When we got to the nation the first time I saw Jim Neals was on the Martha Vann place; they made a crop there.  
Q Had they made a crop there that summer? A Yes sir.  
Q When was that? A That was way about the last of October sometime.  
Q Who was he living with? A Living with his uncle Jess.  
Q Where was Aunt Katie living? A She had went up to her brothers.  
Q You said awhile ago that James Neal Vann come along that winter after Christmas, or something like that. When do you mean that James Neal Vann left Kansas? A I mean he left after January, sometime between February and March; I know it was not long after. The trial was in 1866.  
Q It was a short time after you folks were turned loose?  
A Yes sir.  
Q And you came here the following fall? A Yes sir..

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By Mr. Hastings:

Q You were a slave yourself before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q About how old were you when the war closed? A I was between 16 and 17, somewhere.  
Q Can you read and write? A Yes sir.  
Q Have you been one of the committee of freedmen to attend upon the sessions of the Commission from place to place during the years 1901 and 1902? A I was no committee at all.  
Q Did you and Sam Webster and one or two others follow the Commission from place to place? A I wasn't no committee.  
Q Didn't you remain in continuous attendance during those two years? A I just happened along and answered questions as a witness.  
Q Didn't you attend the sessions of the Commission? A Yes.  
Q Whether you knew you were going to be called upon or not, you were there? A I was called upon all the time.  
Q It kept you along two years? A Yes, nearly three years.  
Q Did they pay you around on that committee? A It wasn't no committee.  
Q Well, was your way paid? A No.  
Q None of these people paid or contributed to the expense of keeping you? A No, - of course, I told them if they wanted me as a witness they could pay me.  
Q Who assisted in paying your expenses? A The man that I swore for; I was no committee.  
Q What persons that you swore for assisted in paying your expenses? A Joe Davis was one.  
Q This Joe Davis that was on the stand? A Yes, he was one.  
Q How much did he pay you? A Four or five dollars, because I couldn't stay away for nothing. I was like anyone else.  
Q Do you remember what you testified for him now? A I don't know unless he---  
Q Who else contributed to the payment of your expenses?  
A Now, I will tell you. We aint trying Joe Davis, we are trying Jim Neals---  
Q I asked you who else contributed to the expenses--who contributed towards your expenses? A I don't know just who all did now.

Q Give me the names of all that you can remember. You are under oath? Who else? A If you will let me get my records I will show you.

Q Have you got it here? A No sir.

Q Don't you remember anybody else that helped pay expenses?

A If you will let me get my records I will show you.

Q Don't you remember anyone else besides Joe Davis? A Yes, I witnessed for Riley, Jerry Riley's wife, Hannah.

Q What did she pay you? A I don't know. I will have to get my record.

Q Did you keep a record of everything that was paid you?

A Like the rest of the man did.

Q And all they paid you you made a record on a book and kept a record, A Yes sir.

Q How much did they pay you altogether? A I don't know.

Q Didn't you ever try to figure it up? A No--if you want to try these cases, call these people.

Q I ask you if you know the total amount that has been paid you A No, I don't.

Q Did you ever figure it up? A No.

Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the Needy Martin case, F. D. 213? A Yes.

Q Her father's name is Sandy Bean? A Yes sir.

Q You testified in that case did you? A Yes, I did.

Q Are you the same George West Vann who testified in the Lewis Martin case, F. D. 289? A Yes, I did.

Q Now, turning back to the Needy Martin case, F. D. 213, did she return with her father, Sandy Bean? A I don't know.

Q Now, when you first saw her was she living with her father Sandy Bean in the Cherokee nation, after the war? A After the war, when I first seen her, I don't know where she was living. I seen the crowd altogether; I didn't stay all night with them.

Q Where did you see her?

By Mr. Patten: I object to the question as irrelevant and immaterial to the issues of this case; going into another case which has no relevancy whatever to this case.

By the Commissioner. The objection will be noted.

A Island Ford. They was all at the meeting ground. I didn't know whether she was living with them or not.

Q I will ask you if, during your testimony before the Commission on May 8, 1901, at Vinita, if you didn't say in answer to this question with reference to Needy Martin: "Where did you see her?" If you didn't say: "She was where they lived, on Island Ford?"

By Mr. Patten: I object to this question as an improper question on cross examination, and as absolutely irrelevant and immaterial to the issues in this case. I ask that the attorney for the nation be requested to state the purpose for which he is asking this question, if my objection is to be overruled.

By Mr. Hastings: The only purpose I have is the purpose of testing this man's memory. The testimony of



this witness himself upon cross examination is to the effect that he was before the Commission practically all the time in 1901 and 1902 and testified in a very great number of cases, and he has also testified that these people helped to defray the expenses; he claims that he has a note book showing the amount at home. These are things that happened forty years ago. They happened as he claims, about the same year or about the same time that these happened and he is now testifying from memory. He was testifying from memory in these other cases that he has already testified in, and it cannot be alleged that I am looking forward to future cases for the purpose of preparing testimony, but am asking solely and only for the purpose of testing his memory about something that happened forty years ago. It is not my purpose to go into details in all these cases. It is my purpose to ask him to be absolutely frank in answering some two or three questions in each of these cases, that happened along about that time, but not to go into tedious details about any of them, but for the purpose of testing his memory about something that happened forty years ago about which he has testified here today. It is about the same thing as you ruled on a few moments ago.

By the Commissioner: I think we will have to go into this as we did before, permit the attorney for the Cherokee Nation to ask the questions subject to your objection.

By Mr. Patten: For the purpose of testing the witnesses memory?

By the Commissioner: Yes.

Q ( Q. Repeated.

A Yes, I said that.

Q With whom did she live? A Well, I don't know because I just passed through there at that time.

Q You don't know who she was living with? A No, I do not. There was a meeting there and I just went by.

Q Did you see her father at that time? A Yes.

Q He was living there with her? A I suppose so; I was not at the house.

Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the Maud Manley case, F. D. 353? A I don't know anything about that. I don't recollect testifying for Maud Manley.

Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the Mira Hayden case, F. D. 498? A Yes sir.

Q How much did they contribute to the defraying of your expenses? A I don't know.

Q Did they pay you anything? A Yes,--they boarded me around; they didn't pay me.

Q How much did they contribute? A I don't know.

Q Haven't you got any idea at all? A I think it was about \$5.

Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the

Eliza Ratcliff case, F. D. 723? A No, I don't know her.  
Q You never knew her? A No sir.  
Q Did you know her father, Ned Ratcliff and her mother, Celia?  
A No, I never knew her father.  
Q You never did know her then? A No, I never knew her until lately.  
Q You never did testify for her? A No sir.  
Q Did you ever know Eliza Ratcliff at all? A I didn't never know her until lately.  
Q How long ago? A Its been about 15 or 16 years.

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Friday Morning, February 8, 1907.

Continuation of Examination of George West Vann.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Are you the same George West Vann who testified for Daniel Alberty who was an applicant to be enrolled as a freedman of the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you testify that you first saw Daniel Alberty, and where? A That was at Fort Gibson.  
Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the case of Florence Brasher, F. D. 795. She was a daughter of Ike Rogers? A Yes sir.  
Q And where did you first see Ike Rogers? After the war?  
A I first saw Ike Rogers at Salt Lick when Alberty was running it.  
Q That was the first time you saw him after the close of the war?  
A Yes sir.  
Q You had never seen him before the war? A No sir.  
Q At no place? A No sir, not at no place, that is, in the Cherokee nation.  
Q Well, had you ever seen him anywhere? A I seen him in Kansas.  
Q I will ask you if you are the same person who testified for Thomas Archer, B. D. 901? A Yes sir.  
Q When did you see him first after the war? A Came right on Spring Creek where we lived.  
Q Was that the first time you had seen him after the war?  
A No, I seen him after he was mustered out at Ottawa.  
Q That was the first time you saw him in the Cherokee Nation?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Was on Spring Creek? A Yes sir.  
Q The first time you saw that applicant, Thomas Archer, was on Spring Creek, after the war, in the Cherokee Nation? A Yes.  
Q When did you see him on Spring Creek? A Sometime in February. I don't know just what time it was.  
Q Of what year? A 1867, February; sometime in February; I don't know just what time it was.  
Q That was on Spring Creek in Saline District? A Yes sir.  
Q That was the first time you saw Thomas Archer was in Spring Creek in the Cherokee nation after the war? A Yes sir.  
Q I will ask you if on June 27, 1901, in giving testimony in the Thomas Archer case you didn't then, before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and before Commissioner Needles,



with reference to the first time you ever saw Thomas Archer in the Cherokee Nation after the war, you were not asked and answered these questions, as follows:

Q When did you first see this applicant in the Cherokee Nation after the war?

A Just before Christmas at Fort Gibson.

Q What year?

A 1866

Q In the Cherokee Nation?

A Yes.

Q How many times did you see him there?

A Once.

Q When was the next time you saw him?

A I saw him in July after that Christmas on Spring Creek. He came to where I was living.

Q The following year?

A Yes.

Now, I ask you if during the course of your examination at Nowata, when you were testifying as a witness for Thomas Archer as to the date of the return of Thomas Archer and the first time you saw him, if the questions which I have just now asked you were not asked you, and if you did not give the replies as shown in the record from which I have read?

A I think I got that wrong, because I said I saw him at Ottawa after he was mustered out. They didn't put it down right.

Q Have you got any other statement to make? A No, I will let it go.

Q If you desire for me to explain your testimony at that time didn't mention of your ever having seen him at Ottawa after the war. Were those question which I have propounded to you asked, and were those answers given in the Thomas Archer case?

A I think so.

Q Are you the same George West Vann that testified in the matter of the application of Lewis Martin to be enrolled as a freedman citizen? A Yes sir.

Q When did you first see him in the Cherokee nation after the war? A Just after we come out of that country. He come with us, right in the crowd of us.

Q Are you the same George West Vann who testified in the case of Ann Johnson, P. D. 461? A I don't know her.

Q Do you know this Ann Johnson about whom I am inquiring. She gave her age on June 1, 1901, as being 41 years of age and post-office as Catoca, and stated that she belonged to the Murrill family at Park Hill before the war, and gave her father's name as Caesar Murrill and her mother as Judy.

A I know her father and mother, but I don't know when she came back here at all.

Q Do you know when her father and mother came back here? A No.

Q When did you first see Ann Johnson after the war?

A I never saw her until at Nowata Court.

Q I will ask you if you are the same George W. Vann who, on June 29, 1901, testified in this Ann Johnson case about which I have inquired, at Nowata, Indian Territory, before Commissioner Needles? A No sir.

Q I will ask you if at that time---you say you are not the

same George W. Vann? A No, if I am I don't know it; there are two or three George Vanns.

Q How far do you live from Lenapah? A Why, I used to live about 6 miles.

Q That was your postoffice address in 1901? A Yes sir.

Q Were there any other George Vanns at Lenapah in 1901?

A Lots of them; three. If I was to meet her here today I wouldn't know her.

Q I am asking you about this testimony. A I never testified that because I didn't know her.

Q Were there other George Vanns living at Lenapah? A Jess had a George Vann.

Q How old was that George Vann? A Twenty-five or thirty years old.

Q What other George Vann was there? Jess had one 25 or 30 years old? A Yes.

Q You were the only George Vann up there who was a slave before the war? A Yes, I am the only one.

Q Whose postoffice address was Lenapah in 1901, who was a slave before the war? A That's right, yes.

Q I will ask you if during the course of the Commission's investigation in June, 1901, you were not asked in the matter of the application of Ann Johnson, these questions: I will connect them so you will see how they run:

"Q. Do you know Dennis Murrell?

A Yes sir.

Q Is he living or dead?

A He is dead.

Q Did you know him before the war?

A Yes.

Q Did you know him during the war?

A Yes, I knowed him during the war. He was a soldier.

Q Do you know whether he returned to the Cherokee Nation after the war?

A Yes sir.

Q What time did he return?

A He come years ago, a little after we come in '66.

Q What time in '66 did he come?

A In the fall, October.

Q Was anyone with him? A Yes sir, there was a crowd of people with him, Jess Harkham and Uncle Jess Vann. Whole lot of them.

Q Was anyone with him especially, did he have any family outside of the crowd, or any person?

A He had a niece, a girl along with him.

Q Did you know her name?

A I believe he called her Ann, Ann Murrell, I reckon, he called her Ann anyhow.

Q Did you or did you now yourself keep up with the girl that he brought back?

A No sir, I didn't.

Q You just knew when he come here he had her?

A Yes sir."

I will ask you if those questions and answers were not given by you when you were introduced by Mr. Edgar Smith of the firm of Melette & Smith, as a witness for Ann Johnson at Nowata on June 29, 1901?

A You just got that down wrong because I knew Dennis Murrill

all right but about this girl I don't know.

Q Did you make these statements and answers to these questions?

A No, I didn't know it. Dennis Murrell was all right and---

Q I am not asking you with reference to him. I am asking about Ann Johnson.

A They have got that wrong about Ann because I don't know her.

Q I will ask you if on cross examination these further questions were not asked you:

"Never had seen the girl before?

A Oh, yes, I had seen her before."

I will ask you if that question was answered?

A The question was all right, but I never seen her only Dennis Murrell.

Q Didn't you just now state that you didn't know her?

A I will tell you, I seen the whole family.

Q I am talking about Ann Johnson, had you ever seen her?

A Never seen her to know her at all.

Q Never before you testified at Nowata in 1901? Had you ever seen her before June 29, 1901? A Never seen her to know her.

Q I will ask you if the further question was not asked you on cross examination with reference to Ann Johnson:

"Before he called her his niece, told you she was his niece?

A Yes sir, I saw her at Garnett, Kansas."

I will ask you if that question was asked you and if you gave that answer at the time at Nowata? A I don't know; I don't recollect answering that at all.

Q Did you make an affidavit to support a motion to reopen in the case of Jennie Martin, whose father was Nelson Martin and mother was Hennie Martin? A No sir.

Q Do you know when Nelson Martin returned to the Cherokee Nation? A No, I don't.

Q Did you ever know Nelson Martin? A Yes sir.

Q But you didn't know when he returned to the Cherokee Nation?

A No sir.

Q I will ask you if you didn't make an affidavit on the 23rd day of October, 1906, to support a motion to reopen the application for the enrollment of Jennie Martin in which you gave your age as 53 and your postoffice address as Hayden, in which you stated that you went to Kansas and came back; was in the Horse Creek fight, and in which you further stated as follows:

"After the Horse Creek fight we went on down the river and soon after Christmas, in the year 1866 or early in January, 1867 I was down in the vicinity of Lynch's Prairie on Grand River and at that time Nelson Martin was living in a house near the river and he continued to reside in the Cherokee nation after that time until his death"

You are not the George West Vann that made that statement at all?

A No, I never made that statement. I don't know who Jennie is.

Q I am talking about Nelson Martin, her father?

A I didn't make that affidavit.

Q You are the only George West Vann? A Yes, that is the trouble. I didn't know Jennie Martin.

Q I am asking you about Nelson Martin, and you say you don't know about him, and you swear that you didn't make this affidavit? A No.

Q You swear that positively that you did not? A Yes sir.  
Q And that you don't know when Jennie Martin returned?  
A Yes.  
Q How many years after the war was it that you saw Nelson Martin? A I saw him at a big camp meeting in 1867.  
Q In the fall of 1867? A Yes sir.  
Q That is the first time you saw him? A First time to know him.  
Q You never was at his house after the war? A Yes, I was, four or five years after.

Witness excused.  
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Arch Landrum, being first duly sworn by Frances R. Lane, a Notary Public, testifies as follows:

By Mr. Petten:

Q State your name? A Arch Landrum.  
Q How old are you? A About 70.  
Q State your postoffice address? A Ketchum, I. T.  
Q Are you a freedman citizen of the Cherokee nation? A Yes.  
Q On the '80 roll? A Yes sir.  
Q Are you acquainted with this applicant, James N. Vann?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Aunt Katie Vann or Katie Tayler? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know Zeb Eaton? A I was not acquainted with him.  
Q Jess Vann? A I know Jess, yes.  
Q Did you go out of the nation during the war yourself? A Yes.  
Q When did you come back after the war? A Come back in 1865.  
Q Where did you settle? A, Stepped on the river, Johnson Thompson place close to Ketchum.  
Q When was the first time you saw James N. Vann in the Cherokee nation after the war? A The first time I saw him he come up to my house. I was living there around old man Daniels. He come down with Aunt Kate.  
Q Is that the same woman that is Katie Tayler that he came there with? A Yes sir.  
Q When was it he came up there? A That was along about the fall of 1866.  
Q Along in the fall? A Yes sir.  
Q Where were they living at that time; did you find out?  
A They was living down about Spring Creek.  
Q Do you know whether or not he lived and remained in the Cherokee nation continuously since that time? A I have seen him off and on all the time after that.  
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By Mr. Hastings:

Q You were a slave were you before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q You can't read or write? A No sir.  
Q Do you know one year from another? A Only when anyone tells me.  
Q That is the only way you know it? A Yes, I don't know it

by reading.

Q You have got no education at all? A None at all.

Q You can't read or write? A No sir.

Q You have got no memorandum about when you first James N. Vann; you are just testifying from memory of forty years ago?

A No, I know it was that time.

Q I am asking if you are testifying from a memorandum or just from memory? A Memory.

Q You say you were living on the Daniels place?

A Yes, when he come there.

Q Who else was living there at that time? A Lewis Rowe

Q On the east side of Grand River, or the west side?

A East side.

Q Are you married? A Yes sir.

Q What year were you married in? A I couldn't tell you that. I was married before the war.

Q Did you ever get married more than the one time? A Yes sir.

Q Had any children since that marriage? A I had one, yes.

Q What year was it born? A Well, I couldn't tell you what year. About the time old lady Daniel come back from Texas.

Q What time was that? A She come back after I did. I couldn't tell you what year or what month.

Q You don't know when she came back? A Yes sir, I know

Q You don't know the year she came back? A No sir.

Q Well, about how long after you came back before Bob Daniels came back? A About a year.

Q You came back then in 1865, did you? A Yes sir.

Q Then he came back the next year, did he? A I think he did about a year when he come back; made one crop there.

Q Did you make one there in 1865? A Yes, I made a crop, and then he come back and made a house right by me and made another.

Q He was living there when Katie and James N. Vann came up there? Bob Daniels was living there? Bob Daniels had come back in the meantime that year when Katie Taylor brought James N. Vann up to your place? A They wasn't there then when she come.

Q Who wasn't there? A Katie and James N. Vann.

Q But I mean, when Katie Vann or Taylor came up to your place with James N. Vann, Bob Taylor had come back from the south?

A I don't think he had come then; I know he didn't; I don't think he was here then.

Q Were you ever down on Spring Creek, to see James N. Vann?

A Yes, I was down there.

Q When? How long after that? How many years after that?

A Why, I think I moved my father from Gibson in -----

Q How many years after that? Ten years? A Well, I guess over a year; I couldn't tell you exactly how long.

Q Were they living on the Martha Vann place at that time?

A Yes, I staid all night with them; they was all there on the Martha Vann place.

Q That was about a year after that time? A Well, I couldn't say positively whether it was a year or two years.

Q It was a year or two years to the best of your judgment?

A Yes sir.

Q And then they were still living on the Martha Vann place?

A Yes, they are there yet.

Q How far from Grand River? A I don't know exactly; close

to Grand River; might be 7 or 8 miles.

Q Have you ever been tried in the Courts for anything? A Yes.

Q What were you tried for? A Tried for two or three different things I guess.

Q Well, tell it; let's have it? A I was tried once for larceny and two or three times for whiskey.

Q How many times for introducing whiskey? A I don't know.

Q Many as a dozen times? A No, not that much.

Q Well, ten times? A I couldn't tell you positively how many but I have been charged several times.

Q Now, how many times have you been convicted?, about how many times for selling or introducing whiskey? A I don't know, a dozen, I reckon.

Q That is your best judgment? A Yes sir.

Q Tried in the federal or United States court? A In the United States court.

Q At Fort Smith, Arkansas? A Yes sir.

Q You have admitted to a dozen times you have been convicted for selling and introducing whiskey. Have you been tried for anything besides larceny? A Nothing else as I know of.

Q Where were you tried for larceny? A Down in Fort Smith.

Q You have been tried for nothing except larceny and introducing and selling whiskey? A That's all.

Q And as to introducing and selling whiskey you have been convicted about a dozen times? A Yes, I guess so. I don't know. as I sold any--gave more away than I sold.

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By Mr. Patten.

Q Where was it you told Mr. Hastings you were tried for larceny? A I was tried for larceny once.

Q Where was that? A At Fort Smith.

Q Did you say whether or not you had been convicted when you were tried for larceny awhile ago? I didn't hear you?

A Well, I said I was convicted for larceny there in Fort Smith.

Q Did you say that awhile ago, that you were convicted there? And on those whiskey charges? A Yes sir.

Q Was the charge for introducing of whiskey? A I never was convicted; I was tried for introducing.

Q Just like a whole lot of these fellows? A Yes,, some of them in a heap of cases plead guilty.

Q On those whiskey charges, when you plead guilty, what did the court do with you? A Give me a jail sentence.

Q You didn't go to the penitentiary on those whiskey charges? A No sir.

Q Were those all over at Fort Smith? A Yes, all at Fort Smith, that I was ever charged with was at Fort Smith.

Q You said something awhile about being tried and afterwards said you were convicted of larceny? Were you ever pardoned or restored to your civil rights? A Yes, I was pardoned.

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By Mr. Hastings:

Q You mean you just served your time out? A No, I was pardoned.

Q Have you got your pardon papers here? A Yes sir. (Pardon produced)

By Mr. Patten: For the purpose of showing that this witness has been pardoned and restored to his civil rights and qualified to testify in this case, we desire to introduce the original pardon by the President of the United States.

By the Commissioner: This pardon will be filed and made a part of the record in this case.

Pardon marked Exhibit A(F.R.B.)

Q Who made application for this pardon? A Why, the people made it for me.

Q What attorneys represented you? Did Starr & Patten make this application for you in order that your disabilities might be removed so that you could come down here and testify in this particular case? A No, they didn't.

Q Didn't they make that application for you? A Yes, but the people signed it.

Q But Starr & Patten made it? A Yes, they made it, but they didn't make it just for me to come down and testify.

Q They made it after you had made affidavit in this case to support a motion to reopen? A No sir.

Witness excused.

Nelson Moore, being first duly sworn by Frances R. lane, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Patten:

Q State your name? A Nelson Moore.

Q Your age? A Fifty-three.

Q Your postoffice address? A Ketchum, I. T.

Q Are you a recognized freedman citizen of the Cherokee nation?

A Yes sir.

Q Are you acquainted with the principal applicant in this case, James N. Vann? A Yes sir.

Q Did you go out of the nation during the war? A Yes sir.

Q When did you return to the Cherokee nation after the war?

A The fall of 1865.

Q Where did you settle? A Stepped up on the Grand River, the east side.

Q Did you know this applicant, James N. Vann before the war, or not? A No sir.

Q Did you know old Aunt Katie Vann, now Katie Taylor, who is a witness in this case? A Yes, not at that time, though. Since I come back.

Q Did you ever see this applicant, James N. Vann, or Kate Taylor, after the war? A Yes sir.

Q When was the first time you ever saw them in the Cherokee

Nation after the war, especially this applicant? A The first time I saw them was in the fall along about September or October, 1866. On the old Bob Daniels place on the east side of the Grand river, the first place I seen either of them.

Q Was he there with her at that time? A The first time I seen him he was not with her, but pretty soon afterwards, old Ubele Sam Vann, her husband and Jess Vann came after Aunt Kate and Jim came with them.

Q That was along in the fall of 1866? A Yes sir.

Q Do you know whether or not he has resided continuously in the Cherokee nation since that time? A Yes, ever since I have known him, and I never knew him to be out.

Q That was the first time you got acquainted with him?

A The first time I ever saw him?

Q Where were you living at that time? A On the Bob Daniels place on the east side of the river.

Q Do you know where he was living at that time? A No sir.

Q Did you see him frequently after that time off and on for a number of years? A It was sometime after that. I don't know just how long. Along from that time up to 1870-1 I saw him regularly all the time but I never seen him often until that time; then I seen him often at different places.

Q Did he afterwards move out of the country? A I don't know where he went; went back home with Aunt Kate and Uncle Sam.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes sir.

Q How many affidavits for how many motions to reopen have you made for the attorneys who represent these applicants? Starr & Patten? A I don't know; I never made any record of it. I don't know how many I made.

Q Can you figure up now how many affidavits to support motions you have made? A No sir.

Q You have got no way to figure it? A No, I never kept no account.

Q You have been around here testifying in a good many freedman cases? A Not so very many.

Q In the last few years? A No sir.

Q You testified before the Commission, for these same attorneys in the Sam Landrum case with reference to the return of Boney Dan? A No.

Q Did you testify in the Jesse Vann case with reference to the return of Steve Lynch? A No sir.

Q Did you in the Mose Riley case? A Yes.

Q Did you testify in the Tom Hayfield case? A Yes.

Q Did you testify in the Mose Hardrick case? A Yes, I did before the Cherokee nation.

Q You testified in the Joanna Cook case didn't you? A Yes sir.

Q You just testified today from our own independent recollection? A Yes sir.

Q You had no memorandum? A No, jyst what I knew; I aint got no memorandum..

Q Did you say you testified in the Sam Landrum case or not? No.



A No, I didn't.

Q You were down here during the progress of that trial?

A Yes sir.

Q You made an affidavit to support the motion to reopen in that case? A Yes sir.

Q And your name was upon the list of witnesses that was furnished by the attorneys? A I don't know.

By Mr. Patten: We object to this line of cross examination for the reason it is incompetent and immaterial and irrelevant to the issues of this case.

By the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

Q You were interrogated in the case of Joanna Cook before this Commission with reference to the date of the return of Riley McNair, wasn't you? A I don't know what you mean by that "interrogated"

Q I mean questioned? A You asked me some questions.

Q Did you testify in the Mose Riley case? A Yes sir.

Q I will ask you if on November 8, 1906, in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Alexander Alberty and Joanna Cook as freedmen citizen of the Cherokee nation, if you didn't testify before the Commission or to the Five Civilized Tribes with reference to the return of the Rileys and upon being inquired of about the return of Riley McNair, father of Mose Riley, you was not asked, and did not answer these questions?

"Q Made a crop the next year?

A Yes sir.

Q In '67?

A Yes sir, '67, then went back and got his family."

Were not these two questions asked you and did you not answer as I have stated? A I don't know. They asked me so many questions that day and in so many different ways, and got me bothered up so that I don't know really what I did say. They asked me so many things and I remember at the time I told you I couldn't tell you.--You said I answered your questions?

Q Were these questions asked you and did you answer them that way? A You asked me these questions?

Q Didn't you say that he went back and got his family after making a crop in 1867? Riley McNair went back and got his family after making a crop in 1867? Did you say that?

A I don't know. I didn't aim to say that because I know he fetched them in the fall of 1867.

Q You afterwards testified in the Riley case did you?

A Yes, I testified as to when he came.

Q You did make an affidavit in the Landrum case as to the time of the return of Boney Dan Landrum? A Yes sir.

Q I will ask you if on November 8th you were not here before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes and testified as to the return of Boney Dan Landrum, and was asked this question, and you didn't give this answer?

"Q How long after that before you saw his family?

A Why, it was, when I saw his family, that was in '67. Was that question asked you and that answer given on November 8th here before the Commission with reference to the date of the

return of Boney Dan Landrum?

By Mr. Patten: We object to the question because it is unintelligible to the witness; there is no reference made to the former questions so that witness can tell what he is basing his answer upon.

Q In other words, you said you saw Boney Dan Landrum's family first in 1867?

The attorneys for the applicant at this point, desire that the Commissioner ask the witness if the question has been put in such a way that he understands the question.

By the Commissioner: Do you understand the question asked you by Mr. Hastings? Do you understand just what he means by his question? (No answer)

Q I am asking you now as to the date of the return of Boney Dan Landrum's family--I couldn't make it any plainer, and with reference to that this question was asked you on November 8th:

"Q How long after that before you saw his family (referring to Boney Dan's family)

A Why, it was, when I saw his family, that was in '67.

A Why, it was in '67, but it was about the first of January, 1867.

Q Who do you say you saw the applicant with the first time after the war? A Uncle Sam Vann and Jess Vann.

Q You remember that distinctly? A Yes, back up to my place where I was living on Bob Daniel's place. Lewis Rowe and I was living on the same place. They came up there.

Q About what time of the year? A That was along the first part, along in the fall like, about September or October, along there; laying by corn time.

Q You pretend to remember that particular circumstance of forty years ago--the year? A Yes, I remember it because they came there and Aunt Kate staid there longer than the others.

Q And you remember who he came with? A Yes, came with Uncle Sam and Uncle Jess.

Q And you remember that distinctly? A Yes, I remember it.

Q On which side of the river were they? A On the east side.

Q I will ask you if on November 8th you were not asked questions with reference to the return of Jim Neal Vann, and if these questions were not asked you? (Now you were asked there about this same person)

"Q Who did you see him with? (referring to James N. Vann)

A With a lot of other boys around there. (Referring to the first time you saw the applicant James N. Vann after the war)

By the Commissioner to witness: Do you understand this question thoroughly that Mr. Hastings has asked you?

A I think I do.

A There was a whole lot of us boys there; the first I was not there. Arch Landrum had boys there and Rowe had boys there--some 10 or 12 of us boys lived on the place I reckon----

Q I will ask you if you were not then asked this question

"Q You don't know who he came with?

A No sir

A I don't remember that.

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Q I will then ask you if you were not asked this further question  
"Q But you just only know you saw him down there?"  
A Yes sir.

By Mr. Patton: Before the witness answers this question, I desire the Commissioner to ask the witness, in order to see if he understands the question, and to ascertain if he understands whether the question asked: "You don't know who he came with?"--whether it refers to whom he came with up to that place, or who he came to the Cherokee nation with. The question is ambiguous.

By Mr. Hastings: I submit that when the witness is on the stand it is for the witness to ask for an explanation when he don't understand. Interruptions of this kind break into the examination and it is impossible to take it up again, and I suggest that the Commissioner tell the witness that if he does not understand the question that it is perfectly proper for him to have it explained to him. An argument absolutely destroys the proposition.

By the Commissioner: If you do not understand Mr. Hastings questions, ask me to explain.

Q I will ask you if you were not asked this further question:  
"But you just only knew you saw him down there?"  
A Yes sir."

Was that question and answer asked and given by you on November 8th, under oath before the Commissioner? A I don't understand what you mean by seeing him down there. I don't understand that question.

Q That is, where did you first see him after the war?  
A That was on the old Bob Daniels place.

Q I will ask you if these three questions that I have just here above repeated, which were repeated altogether to you, were not asked and answered by you as the records shows, namely on November 8th. This is with reference to the 1st time you saw this applicant James N. Vann in the Cherokee nation after the war? Now, these are the questions and answers:

"Q Who did you see him with?

A With a lot of other boys around there.

Q You don't know who became with?

A No sir.

Q But you just only know you saw him around there?  
A Yes sir.

Were those questions, those three questions asked you and answered by you as quoted? A Yes, you asked me those questions.

Q And you answered them that way under oath, didn't you?

A I think I answered them that way; there was so much asked me and I was bothered so I don't know what I did answer; you asked me so many different questions.

Q I will ask you if you have not made affidavit to support a motion to reopen in this James N. Vann case? A Yes sir.

Q The first time you claim to have seen James N. Vann in the Cherokee nation was in the fall, was it? A Yes sir.

Q You swear that? A To the best of my recollection it was.

Q Are you bothered now? A No, I aint bothered now.

Q I will ask you if on November 8th you were not asked this question and you did not give this answer--You are not bothered now? A No sir, you aint bothering me any now.

Q Now you made an affidavit on the 1st day of August, 1906, before Thomas J. Farrar, United States Commissioner, a copy of which I hold in my hand, and in which you stated as follows:

"Sometime in the spring of 1866 the applicant James H. Vann returned to the Cherokee Nation from Kansas with old man Jess Vann, Gilbert Vann, Zek Eaton, Katie Vann and George Musgrave."

Now you state that you never saw him until late in the fall and that you saw him down in Saline District and that you don't know who he come with. I will ask you which statement is true, the one before the Commissioner Farrar, or the one you are making here before the Commissioner today.

A I havn't got any more answers.

Q Do you know which of your statements are correct?

A (No response.)

Q I am trying to explain to you that after you were interrogated with reference to the return of James H. Vann, the applicant, and among other things, the three questions hereinabove propounded were asked you, if then this question which I have just dictated from the record, and if that answer was not given by you at that time,-- and that question is this (Question repeated) Were these questions and answers given on November 8th in the Joanna Cook case? A I never seen him in Saline District.

Delaware District was where I seen him; that is where we lived.

Q What I am asking you is, was that question and answer given by you? Say yes or no with any explanation you want to make.

A Well, I don't know; you asked me so many questions I don't know what I was asked, to tell the truth. I don't know just what all you did ask me.

Q You stated in your affidavit which went up to the Department in this case that James H. Vann came down in the spring of 1866, and now you state that you never saw him until the fall? A That was at home after he done come down; that was after his being down here.

Q You swear, now, that the first time you saw him was in the fall? A Yes sir.

Q You swore in your affidavit that he came down in the spring, didn't you? A Yes, I guess I did.

Q But you never saw him until the fall, did you? A Well, after he come down I didn't see him until he come up there in the fall.

Q Then you never saw him in the spring? A I was bound to see him if I knew he come in the spring; seen him in the spring and fall too.

Q Havn't you sworn a half a dozen times during this examination that the first time you saw him was in the fall up on the Bob Dabiel's place, and on the east side of Grand River?

A First time I seen him after he come up there.

Q Havn't you sworn here a half a dozen times it was the first time you saw this applicant in the Cherokee after the war, when he came up there to your place with Sam Vann and Jess

Vann, and that was in the fall? A That was in the fall, yes, he had come up there.

Q But didn't you say that was the first time you saw him?

A That was the first time I saw him after he came up there.

Q But didn't you swear that was the first time you had seen him in the Cherokee Nation after the war, was when he came up there with Sam Vann and Jess Vann? A If I did I didn't mean it that way. I didn't mean that was the first time.

Q Why didn't you tell the first time awhile ago when Mr. Patten asked you? A I thought he meant the first time I seen him after he come where we lived.

Q You knew full well that you were being questioned with reference to the time you saw James W. Vann the first time in the Cherokee Nation after the war, by Mr. Patten, didn't you?

A The best answer I can give you.

Q Where did you see him in the spring? A They was on the road; on the main military road.

Q Where were you living then? A Across the river.

Q On which side? A East side, on the old Bob Daniels place.

Q You were on the same place then? A Yes, living on the Bob Daniels place.

Q This was the same place you claimed to see him the next time?

A Yes, but I seen him on the road the first time.

Q You never thought to tell that until I advised you what you had stated in your affidavit, did you, and now you seek to make that explanation, don't you? A I just want to tell the truth about it. I come here to tell the truth and nothing but the truth.

Q Referring back to the time of the return of Boney Dan Landrum I will ask you if you didn't make an affidavit before Jesse Patten on the 25th day of May, 1906, in which you stated: "

"I was acquainted with Boney Dan Landrum during his lifetime, and I know he came to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory with his family and effects and permanently located there in the fall of 1866" "

I will ask you if you didn't state that in an affidavit?

By Mr. Patten: I object to further cross examination upon the Boney Landrum case because it is immaterial to the issues of this case, and has already been indulged in by the attorney for the Cherokee nation. I have no objection to this question being asked by the attorney for the nation if you will inquire as to what purpose this is asked. I think it is an improper question the way it is anyway, but I will withdraw the objection if it is stated for what purpose the question is asked.

By Mr. Hastings: I ask it for the purpose of testing his memory.

By Mr. Patten: That is all right.

Q (Q. Repeated) I ask you if you didn't make that statement in that affidavit? A Yes sir.

Q You stated a few moments ago that you never saw Boney Dan Landrum's family here in the year 1866 at all, didn't you?



A No, I don't remember stating that.

Q Did you see Boney Dan Landrum's family here in the year 1866?

By Mr. Patton: I object to the question as highly improper cross examination and absolutely irrelevant to the issues of this case.

By the Commissioner: The objection is sustained as to the present form of the question.

Q You stated a few moments ago that you didn't see his family until the year 1869. You stated in this affidavit which has just been read in your presence and hearing, that Boney Dan Landrum returned with his family and effects and permanently located in the Cherokee nation in 1866. How do you reconcile those two statements?

By Mr. Patton: The attorneys for the applicant object to the question for the reason that it is immaterial and irrelevant to the issues of this case and improper cross examination, and an improper manner of testing this witness' memory, because the matter inquired about is irrelevant to the issues of this case. This examination could be an examination along the lines of impeachment as well as testing the witness' memory, which we consider highly improper.

By the Commissioner: The objection is overruled.

Q (Q. Repeated) I mean by, "How do you reconcile those two statements", that one time during your testimony here this morning you said that you never saw Boney Dan Landrum's family until the year 1867; now you state in your affidavit that Boney Dan Landrum returned with his family and effects and permanently located in the Cherokee nation in the fall of 1866. How do you explain these two seemingly contradictory statements, one that he came here with his family in the fall of 1866, and the other that you never saw him until the fall of the year 1867?

A I can't understand that. I can't explain that.

Q Well, did you make that affidavit that I speak to you about, namely, that he came here with his family and effects and lived in the Cherokee nation in 1866? A Yes, I made an affidavit; whatever the affidavit is, I made that.

Q Did you state a few moments ago that you never saw his family until the year 1867? A I don't remember that question, that I stated that awhile ago; I don't remember that question about his family.

By Mr. Patton:

Q Mr. Moore, about this last question, it is stated by Mr. Hastings that you made an affidavit, and you were also asked if you did not state on November 8th as to certain things, and if in that affidavit you did not state:

"I was acquainted with Boney Dan Landrum during his lifetime, and know that he came to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, with his family and effects and permanently located there in the fall of 1866"

That is the same affidavit Mr. Hastings asked you about. You made that affidavit, did you? A Yes sir.

Q What is in that affidavit is correct? A Yes sir.

Q That he came here and lived, with his family and effects, in the fall of 1866? A Yes, that's my recollection.

Q Now, you were asked a question or two in the Joanna Cook case, about when was the first time you saw Boney Dan Landrum's family. Do you remember the first time you saw them? What you stated in that case? A That was in the fall of 1866, and then I seen them in 1867.

Q Didn't you state in that case, or state awhile ago, independent of the case, that the first time you saw Boney Dan Landrum's family was along in January, 1867? A Yes sir.

Q Was that the first time you saw them? A No sir.

Q You has seen them before? A Yes sir.

Q That was not the first time you had seen them? A I saw them in the fall of 1866 and in January, 1867.

Witness Excused.

Katie Taylor, being Recalled, testified as follows:

By the Commissioner:

Q What is your name? A Katie Taylor, now. It was Katie Vann.

Q You went up to Kansas at the close of the war of the rebellion, didn't you? A Yes sir.

Q Did this applicant, James N. Vann live with you while you were in Kansas? A Yes, he lived with me part of the time.

Q And where did he live the rest of the time? A He lived with his Granny Nan, and then the old lady was so old tht we took her and she lived with us close to Ossawatimie.

Q Did this boy come back to the Cherokee nation with you? A Yes sir.

Q He was along with you in the same wagon, was he? A Yes sir.

Q Did his grandmother come with you? A Yes sir.

Q With whom did he live immediately following for two or three years --the 2 or 3 years immediately following your return to the Cherokee nation? A He staid part of the time with his uncle Jess and part of the time with his granny, and part of the time with my husband, Sam.

Q Give me the names of the members of your family at that time? A Sam Vann and myself, Katie Vann, and Patay and Jee Vann, was the two children I brought down.

Q Give me the names of the members of his grandmother's family? A Granny Nan and Granny Betay and Jim Neal Vann.

Q Who was it you said he lived with besides you and his grandmother? A Uncle Jess.

Q Give me the names of the family of Jess Vann? A Jess and Cynthia Vann, and one daughter, Susie; at that time that was all he brought.

Q He lived with these three families three or four years after the war? Immediately following the war? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Starr:

Q What people were in the crowd with you at the time you came

By Mr. Starr:

Q What people were in the crowd with you at the time you came from Kansas and brought James H. Vann with you? A George Musgrove and family.

Q Who was his family? A Him and his wife and one son, Will.

Q What was his wife's name? A Beckir.

Q Had Beckir been in Kansas sometime before this? A Yes sir.

Q When did she go? A Sometime--Musgrove went after her.

Q Musgrove was down here? A Yes, and he went after her.

Q Where was Will? A He went to Kansas with her and came back with his mother?

Q Becky and Will came back at the time you did? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Starr: At this point the applicant asks that the 1880 enrollment of George Musgrove and Becky Musgrove and Will Musgrove be made a part of the record in this case.

By Mr. Hastings: Later on there may be no objection, but we ought to have first the right to cross examine this applicant. If, after cross examination it seems relevant and material, the request might be asked for.

Q Who were the members of your family that came at the time these did? A Myself and Patsy and Joe.

Q The two children were yours? You has a son named Joe?

A Yes, that was all that came with my own family. Patsy is on the '80 roll and Polly Vann.

Q What was her husband's name in 1880? A Dave Vann.

Q This Polly Vann that ~~came~~ was on the 1880 roll came right with you from Kansas? A Yes sir.

Q How long had she been in Kansas? A She was there while I was; I was there three years.

Q She didn't come down from Kansas before you did? A No, she was nothing but a child; I brought her with me.

Q Who else was along? A Zeb Eaton and his wife and boy, Will.

Q Was there anybody else? A Granny Betsy and Granny Man.

Q How long did they live after this trip? A They lived,--I can't tell you how many years, but they lived until after 1875 I know.

Q Were they dead in 1880? A Yes sir.

Q On the way down here did you come up with any other Cherokee freedmen returning to the nation? A We overtook some down here on Cabin Creek. Aunt Sarah Ross and Uncle Charley Ross and their family.

Q Were they returning to the nation? A They was in the nation.

Q Were they moving? A Yes, they was moving from Kansas.

Q Had they located yet? A No, they was just going on down.

Q Did you catch up with anyone else? A Henry Melton and his family.

Q What was his wife's name? A Araminta.

Q Daughter named Nancy? A Yes.

Q Sallie? A I don't know that Sallie.

Q Was Sallie Melton along with them? A Yes, and I don't know who all was along. The wagons was full of children.

Q Was Jess Vann along with you at the time you returned?

A Yes sir.



Q And who did he have in his family? A Cynthia Vann, his wife, and Susie, a little girl.  
Q Were there any other children born to that family after that time? A Yes sir.  
Q Who? A George Vann and Margaret.  
Q Was Cora Vann on the 1880 roll--was there a Cora in 1880? A Yes sir.  
Q In your family of Sam Vann and Katie Vann you stated Joe Vann came with you? A Yes sir.  
Q In 1880 what children did you have that were enrolled? A I had Amanda and Rosa.  
Q Did you have one named Willie? A Yes sir.  
Q In 1880 what children did George Musgrove have, he and his wife, Becky? A They didn't have any of their own. I think there was one girl with them, Rebecca.  
Q Becky Ann Musgrove? A Yes, I think she was their grand-child.

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By Mr. Hastings:

Q George Musgrove had been down in the country before hadn't he? A Yes sir.  
Q And he came up there after his folks, didn't he? A Yes sir.  
Q Zeb Eaton had been here before, hadn't he? A I don't remember.  
Q You don't know, of course, whether Charley Ross had been down here and gone back? A Yes, I knowed they belonged down here and all went to Kansas.  
Q Max mean before you went up with them? A No sir.  
Q You don't know whether Henry Welton had been here before? A No sir.  
Q Had your husband Sam Vann, been backwards and forward on occasional trips? A No sir.  
Q He is the only one you know had not? A He is the only one I really know that he didn't.

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By Mr. Starr:

Q Had Becky Musgrove and her son, William Musgrove, been in the Cherokee Nation after the civil war, before George Musgrove came up there after them? A No sir.  
Q Had Cynthia Vann and Susan and Jess Van been in the Cherokee Nation, or returned before you did? A Cynthia had not, nor Susie, but Jess Vann had.  
Q When was it that Jess Vann went to Fort Gibson? A He was a soldier there and went up after we all went.  
Q When did he get up to Kansas? A I don't know what year it was, but it must have been about 1863-4.  
Q Did he stay in Kansas until he returned at the time you did? A Yes, and married.  
Q This woman, Patsy Vann, enrolled as Polly Vann, had she ever been in the Cherokee nation from the time of the civil war until she came with you? A No, she was with me; she was a little girl. I staid in Kansas where we was up until I come here.

Q This was that you came and brought James N. Vann with you to the Cherokee nation, after the war, was the first time they had ever been in the Cherokee Nation after the war? A Yes sir.  
Q How long did Bob Eaton live after the war? A I don't know how long he lived but I don't know he didn't live very long.  
Q Was he dead before 1860? A I think he was; not sure.  
Q Did his wife marry again? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Betsey Musgrove was a member of George Musgrove's family?  
A Yes sir.  
Q Do you know whether Jess Vann had ever come back to the Cherokee nation or not? A He come back when he first went to Kansas and went back again.  
Q Was he in the army? A He said he was. Got shot.  
Q He was back and forth in the Cherokee nation? A Just one time.  
Q You don't remember any other? A No sir.

By Mr. Starr: The attorneys for the applicants request that the 1860 enrollment of Jess Vann and his wife Cynthia Vann, daughter Susan, son George and daughter Cora, be made a part of the record in this case.

Objected to by the attorney for the Cherokee nation because same is irrelevant and immaterial; the only point to be investigated is the date of the return of the principal applicant, James N. Vann, and as to whether or not he complied with the provisions of the treaty of 1866.

By the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

By the Commissioner: An examination of the 1880 roll, Cooweescoowee District shows that:

Jessie Vann a-col. age 39 F  
Susan Vann, a-col, age 12, F.  
George Vann, a-col, age 5 M., and  
Cora Vann, a-col, age 2 F.  
are identified on said roll at Nos. 3057, 3058, 3059, 3060 and 3061, respectively.

The attorneys for the applicants request that that the enrollment, on the 1880 roll, of Sam Vann, with his wife, Katie Vann; Joe Vann, Amanda Vann and Rosa Vann, be made a part of the record in this case (Subject to the objection of the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation).

By the Commissioner: The authenticated tribal roll of 1880, Cooweescoowee District, shows that:

Sam Vann, a-col, age 49, M.  
Katie Vann, a-col, age 39 F.,  
Joe Vann a-col, age 21 M.  
Amanda Vann, a-col, age 9 F.  
Willie Vann, a-col, age 7 M.  
Rosa Vann, a-col, age 3 F.  
are identified on said roll at Nos. 3063, 3064, 3065, 3066, 3067, and 3068, respectively.

The attorneys for the applicants request that the 1880 enrollment of George Musgrove, Becky Musgrove, William Musgrove and Becky Ann Musgrove, be made a part of the record in this case.

The representative of the Cherokee Nation desires to enter the same objection heretofore made that same is irrelevant and immaterial. The testimony in this case particularly shows that George Musgrove himself had been down here in the Cherokee nation before and had gone to the state of Kansas.

By the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

By the Commissioner: The 1880 roll shows that George, Becky, William and Beck Ann Musgrove, ages 45, 40, 20 and 6, respectively, are identified on the Coowescoowee district as Nos. 1885, 1886, 1887 and 1888, respectively.

The attorneys for the applicants request that the 1880 enrollment of Patsy Vann, who has been identified as Polly Vann, wife of Dave Vann, be made a part of the record in this case.

Same Objection.  
Objection noted.

By the Commissioner: An examination of the 1880 roll Coowescoowee District, shows Polly Vann identified on said roll in said district at No. 3075; immediately preceding the name of Polly Vann on said roll appears the name of Davis Vann, and immediately following her name appears the name of Eli Vann.

The attorneys for the applicants request that the 1880 enrollment of Charley Ross and Sarah Ross be made a part of the record in this case.

By Mr. Hastings: This is objected for the reasons above stated, and for the additional reason that it is not shown that Charley Ross had not been in the Cherokee nation prior to the time the witness, Katie Vann claimed to have seen him, or caught up with him along on the road.  
Objection noted.

By the Commissioner: An examination of the 1880 roll, Coowescoowee District, shows that Charley and Sarah Ross are identified on said roll opposite Nos. 2341 and 2342, respectively.

The attorneys for the applicants request that the 1880 enrollment of Henry Melton, Araminta Melton, Nancy Melton and Sallie Melton be made a part of the record in this case. (Subject to the objections above stated).

By the Commissioner: An examination of the 1880 roll, Coovespawnee District, shows that Henry, Armaninta, Nancy and Sallie Melton are identified on said roll at Nos. 1908, 1909, 1910 and 1911, respectively.

By Mr. Patten: For the purpose of corroborating witnesses introduced on behalf of the applicants from the state of Kansas and Katie Vann and George W. Vann, we desire to offer in evidence certified copy of what the records of the District Court of the Fourth Judicial District of Franklin County, Kansas, shows as to the result and date of the trial of the criminal case of the State of Kansas vs. George V. Vann, Eli Vann, Samuel Vann and Jess Vann, and also a certified copy of the records of the District Court of the 4th Judicial District, Franklin County, state of Kansas as to the date and disposition of the criminal case in the State of Kansas vs. William Streup.

By Mr. Hastings: The representative of the Cherokee Nation objects to the introduction of these records because the same are irrelevant and immaterial, and in no way tend to prove any of the issues in this case; that all of the facts set forth in the certified copies may be true and yet the defendant may not have come to the Cherokee nation within the time prescribed by the treaty, and second, because it is not shown that the defendant is in anywise connected with the same.

By the Commissioner: The objection made by the attorney for the Cherokee Nation will be noted. The instruments offered by the attorneys for the applicants will be filed with the papers in this case, and same are marked Exhibits B. and C., respectively, and made a part of this record.

Applicant Rests.

**TESTIMONY ON BEHALF OF THE CHEROKEE NATION.**

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of contradicting the testimony of Mary Fields, a witness produced on behalf of the applicants, the representative of the Cherokee Nation desires to refer to the record in the case of William, F. D., 810, whose rejection was affirmed by the Secretary of the Interior October 18, 1905.

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of contradicting the testimony of the witness Joe Davis, introduced in behalf of the applicants, I desire to have the affidavit to support the motion to reopen in the case of Jennie Martin et al, F. D. 197, introduced, incorporated in, and made a part of the record in this case.

By Mr. Patten: To which we object for the reason it is an improper way of contradicting the witness, and not admissible, for the reason that an examination of any facts concerning the Jennie Martin case is irrelevant to the issues in this case and for that reason any contradictory statements to those facts we insist would be inadmissible for the purpose of contradicting the witness, or impeaching him.

By the Commissioner: The objection is overruled.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned affidavit)

**"IN THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
WASHINGTON.**

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jennie Martin et al as Cherokee Freedmen.

United States of America,  
Indian Territory ss.  
Northern District.

On this day personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public within and for the Northern District of the Indian Territory Joe Davis of lawful age who being by me duly sworn according to law on his oath deposes and says:

'My name is Joe Davis, my age is fifty-two years, and my postoffice is Vinita, Indian Territory. I have lived in the Cherokee Nation all of my life and during the civil war I never left the Cherokee Nation. A short time before Christmas of the year 1866 I came from Fort Gibson up on Spring Creek up grand river and when I got up to Spring Creek Nelson Martin was then living in the house with Anderson Lynch on the river and continued to live there through the winter and in the spring he made him a place of his own and moved on to it and built him a house and lived there about two years or until about the spring of 1869 he bought him a little place

near where Judge Clark's place is now located and moved onto that place and lived there continuously until his death. I have no interest in this case and not related to either of the parties.

Joe Davis.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 24th day of October, 1906.

O. A. Smith,  
Notary Public.

Commission Expires  
Dec. 4, 1909."

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of contradicting the witness, George West Vann, I desire to have offered in evidence the affidavit made by said George West Vann attached to the motion to reopen the application for the enrollment of Jennie Martin et al. P. D. 197.

By Mr. Patten: To which we object for the reason that the facts in the Jennie Martin case in the affidavit referred to were entered into with said witness upon cross examination, as the records show, for the purpose of testing his memory, said facts being irrelevant to the issues in this case, and we respectfully submit that it is improper to cross examine a witness upon facts immaterial to the issues of a case and then afterwards attempt to impeach him thereby.

By the Commissioner. The objection is overruled. The affidavit will be admitted.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned affidavit.)

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of Jennie Martin et al as Cherokee Freedmen.  
United States of America,  
Indian Territory  
Northern District.

ss.

On this 23rd day of October 1906, personally appeared before me the undersigned Notary Public within and for the Northern District of the Indian Territory, George West Vann, of lawful age who being by me duly sworn on oath deposes and says:

"My name is George West Vann, my age is 53 years and my postoffice address is Hayden, Indian Territory. I was acquainted with the old man Nelson Martin during his lifetime. After the close of the Civil war in the fall of 1866 I returned to the Cherokee Nation from the state of Kansas with a crowd of Cherokee freedmen who were then returning to the nation and in the vicinity of Horse Creek we were fired upon by a number of Cherokees and in the fight some of our party were killed and Tobias Bean was shot in the Arm. This fight is known as the "Horse Creek" which was proven in the case of Tobias Bean et al to have been in the fall of 1866 and the



Department so found. My name is on the 1866 roll as a Cherokee Freedman and I am duly and lawfully enrolled as such and have received my allotment of land in the Cherokee Nation and my enrollment has been approved by the Honorable Secretary of the Interior. After the Horse Creek fight we went on down the river and soon after Christmas in the year 1866 or early in January, 1877, I was down in the vicinity of Lynch' prairie on Grand river and at that time Nelson Martin was living in a house near the river, and he continued to reside in the Cherokee nation after that time until his death. I am not related to these applicants and have no interest in this case.

George West Vann.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of October, 1906.

O. A. Smith,  
Notary Public."

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of contradicting the witness, George Vann, I desire that his testimony taken in the Ann Johnson case before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Nowata, June 29, 1901, being originally, P. D. No. 461, be introduced and made a part of the record in this case:

By Mr. Patten: We object, for the reasons above stated.

By the Commissioner. The objection will be overruled. The testimony referred to will be made a part of the record of this case.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned testimony).

"SUPPLEMENTAL: D461.

Department of the Interior?  
Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.  
Nowata, I. T., June 29, 1907.

In the matter of the application of Ann Johnson for enrollment of herself as a Cherokee Freedman.

George Vann being sworn by Commissioner Needles, testified as follows:

Appearances:

Mr. Smith of Melette & Smith for the applicant.  
Mr. W. W. Hastings and Mr. Davenport for the Cherokee Nation.

By Mr. Smith: "

Q State your name? A George Vann.

Q Where do you live? A Cooweescoowas District.

Q Are you a citizen of the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

Q What is your postoffice? A Lenapah.

Q Where were you born? A Born and raised here.

Q Do you know Dennis Murrell? A Yes sir.

Q Is he living or dead? A He is dead.

Q Did you know him before the war? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know him during the war? A Yes sir, I knowed him during the war; he was a soldier.

Q Do you know whether he returned to the Cherokee Nation or not after h

not after the war? A Yes sir.

Q What time did he return? A He came years ago, a little after we came, in '66.

Q What time in '66 did he come? A In the fall, October.

Q Was anyone with him? A Yes sir, there was a crowd of people with him, Jesse Harkham and Uncle Jesse Vann, whole lot of them.

Q Was anyone with him especially, did he have any family beside of the crowd or any person? A He had a niece, a girl along with him.

Q Did you know her name? A I believe he called her Ann. Ann Murrel, I reckon, he called her Ann anyhow.

Q Did you or did you now yourself keep up with the girl that he brought back? A No sir, I didn't.

Q You just know when he come here he had her? A Yes sir. By Mr. Davenport:

Q You don't know whose girl she was. A He called her his niece, it was his niece.

Q That's all you know about it? A Yes sir.

Q Never had seen the girl before? A Oh yes, I had seen her before

Q Before he called her his niece, told you she was his niece? A Yes sir, I saw her at Garnett, Kansas.

Q You didn't know her father or mother? A No sir.

Q You aint kept up with the girl since that time as to know who she is or be able to know her if you would see her now?

A No sir.

M. D. Green, being first duly sworn states that as stenographer to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes he correctly recorded the testimony and proceedings in this case and that the foregoing is a true and complete transcript of his stenographic notes thereof.

M. D. Green.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this July 12, 1901.

T. B. Needles,

Commissioner.

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of further contradicting the witness George West Vann, we desire to have copied into the record the statements made by said George West Vann before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes at Nowata, Indian Territory, June 27, 1901 in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Thomas Archer, F. D. 901.

By Mr. Patten: We object for the reasons above stated.

By the Commissioner: The objection is overruled. A copy of the testimony will be incorporated in the record.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned testimony):

"DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES  
Nowata, I. T., June 27th, 1901.

In the matter of the application of Thomas Archer for the enrollment of himself and wife as Cherokee freedmen; he having been first duly sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles, testified as follows:

George Vann called and sworn by Commissioner T. B. Needles as a witness for the applicant, testified as follows:



By Mr. Smith:

Q What is your name? A George Vann.

Q What is your age? A 51.

Q Where do you reside? A East of Lenapah in Cooweescoowee District, Cherokee nation.

Q How long have you lived there? A All my life.

Q Do you know this applicant? A Yes sir.

Q Did you know him before the war? A Yes sir.

Q Was he a slave? A Yes sir.

Q Who owned him? A Pollie Archer.

Q Was she a Cherokee Indian? A Yes sir.

Q A recognized citizen of the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.

Q Where was Tom Archer at the time the war broke out? A With Mrs. Archer on her place.

Q Where was that? A In Saline District.

Q In the Cherokee Nation.

Q Did you yourself go out of the Cherokee nation during the war? A Yes sir.

Q After you went out were you ever back here until you came back after the war closed? A I went out in '64 and got back in '66.

Q When did you first see this applicant in the Cherokee Nation after the war? A Just before Christmas at Fort Gibson.

Q What year? A '66.

Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q How many times did you see him there? A Once.

Q When was the next time you saw him? A I seed him in July after that Christmas on Spring Creek, he came to where I was living.

Q The following year? A Yes sir.

Q How many times did you see him after that? A Seed him several times.

Q How far was that from the salt works? A 20 miles.

Q Did you ever go up to the salt works? A I didn't go there right at that time.

Q Do you know of your own knowledge that he worked at the salt works? A He worked there some time for a man named McCollough.

Q Do you know when? A No sir.

By Mr. Davenport:

Q How old were you when the war broke out? A I don't know. Mr. Rogers kept my age.

Q Where you grown then? A No sir.

Q How far from Mrs. Archer's did you live when the war broke out? A 10 miles.

Q How old was Tom then? A I don't know.

Q Was he bigger or smaller than you? A About the same size.

Q Do you know where Tom went during the war? A He was a soldier.

Q You know that? A Yes sir, I seed him in soldiers clothes when he came back.

Q Do you know where he was mustered out? A Leavenworth.

Q Do you know that you your own knowledge? A I never seed him to know where he was living until '74.

Q How many times has he been married? A Twice I think."

By Mr. Hastings: For the purpose of further contradicting the testimony of the witness George West Vann we ask that a copy of the testimony taken in the case of Thomas Mayfield, P. D. 200, by L. M. Earnest, showing the taxation of Sandy Bean up in Kansas after the war, be copied into and made a part of the record in this case.

By Mr. Starr: The attorneys for the applicants object for the reason that the copying into the records as to taxation is in violation of the Departmental rulings in the case of Catherine Nix, and in the Cherokee enrollment case of Peyton Martin et al, and for the further reason that a tax record does not tend to contradict statements made by the witness.

By Mr. Hastings: In reply to the statement of counsel for the applicants, we desire to call the attention of the commissioner to the fact that the original record was before the Commissioner from which the testimony now desired to be ~~supplied~~ introduced was copied, and second, these same attorneys were the attorneys in that case and had opportunity to examine and cross examine the witness, and the ruling in the Catherine Nix and Peyton Martin cases was founded upon the fact that the testimony had been introduced in other cases and that counsel had not been present and had an opportunity to examine and cross examine the witnesses.

By the Commissioner: When the testimony in the case of Thomas Mayfield was taken the original assessment records of Monroe ~~County~~ township, Anderson county, Kansas, were produced before the Commissioner and the record of the assessment of Sandy Bean was copied into the testimony taken in the Mayfield case. It would not appear that there could be a reasonable objection to the introduction of a certified copy of the assessment records of Sandy Bean, and in order to expedite the matter a copy of the transcript of the records in the Mayfield case, so far as it relates to the assessment in Anderson County, Kansas, of Sandy Bean, will be copied into and made a part of the records in this case.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned testimony):  
taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, May 25, 1906.)

"L. M. Earnest, being first duly sworn and examined, testified as follows:

Direct Examination--Davenport.

Q What is your name? A L. M. Earnest.

Q Where do you live Mr. Earnest? A Garnett, Anderson County, Kansas.

. . . . .

Q What township in the county do you live in MR/ Earnest?  
A Monroe Township.

Q After you went into that neighborhood I will ask you if you held any official position in Monroe township, and if so, what years?

A I held official position of Trustee, it was called, there, in the years '68, '69, '70 and '71.

Q What were the duties of Trustee in the township; at that time, Mr. Earnest? A The duties were to make assessment of the public and personal property every two years, and of the real estate.

Q You acted in the capacity of assessing taxes for two years?

A Four years.

Q And the first year was what year? A 1868.

Q And did you keep a tax book of the names of the parties assessed and the kind of property? A Yes sir.

Q That was prepared by you or under your direction, was it, Mr. Earnest? A Yes sir.

Q Did you make the entries on a book at the time of the assessment, or what was known as sheets, and then have them run off into the book? A Made the assessment of personal property on sheets and then transferred it.

Q Do you know where the book that you made your assessment in 1868 is that you turned in to the county? A Yes, sir, I knew where it is.

Q Examine the book which I hand you and state whether or not the assessment you made in 1868 of the personal property of Monroe Township is the book you entered your assessments on and turned into the county? A Yes sir, this is the book.

Q I wish you would examine the book which you have identified as being the book you made your assessment on in '68 of Monroe Township, Anderson County, Kansas, and see if you can find the name of Bean, Sandy Bean, is it? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Davenport: The representatives of the Cherokee Nation desire to offer that part of the record of assessment which has been identified by the witness, which relates to Sandy Bean being assessed in 1868, and asks that it be read and copied into the records so that the book may be returned to the county clerk of Anderson County, Kansas.

Pursuant to the above, the following was read into the record, from the book heretofore referred to.

| No. of Statement | Name        | No. of horses. | Value | No. of Hogs. |
|------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|--------------|
| 6                | Bean, Sandy | 4              | \$135 | 3            |

| Value   | Average Value of all | Average per. property | Total |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| \$10.00 |                      | 35                    | 180   |

Deduct constitutional exemption 200 Remarks: (ditto "Country")

Q I will ask you Mr. Earnest, if the entry there as concerns Sandy Bean has been changed since you turned it into the Clerk? A No sir.

Q I wish you would look upon the book which you have before you, and shown by you to be the assessment book of Anderson County, state of Kansas of 1868-----

By Mr. Hastings:

For the purpose of contradicting the testimony of Nelson Moore as to the date of the return of James Neal Vann and of Riley McNair and Boney Dan Landrum, we desire to have the statement made by the said Nelson Moore in the case of Alexander Alberty et al, taken before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes November 8, 1906, introduced into, and made a part of the record in this case.

By Mr. Patten: So far as the statements made by Nelson Moore in regard to James N. Vann and his return or who he came with, we have no objection, but we object to statements made by him as to the return of the other persons named for the reasons above stated.

By the Commissioner: A copy of the testimony referred to will be incorporated in this case.

(The following is a copy of the above mentioned testimony, taken at Muskogee, Indian Territory, November 8, 1906).

"Nelson Moore, being first duly sworn by B. P. Rasmus, a Notary Public, testified as follows:

By Mr. Bledsoe:

- Q What is your name? A Nelson Moore.
- Q How old are you? A 63.
- Q You are a Cherokee freedman? A Yes sir.
- Q On the roll straight? A Yes sir.
- Q Where do you live? A Up in Delaware District near Ketchum.
- Q How long have you lived there? A All my life pretty near, lived there about 35 or 40 years, somewhere along there on the place where I am living now.
- Q Did you know George Landrum? A Yes sir.
- Q Patrick Landrum? A Yes sir.
- Q Did you know any of their children? A Yes sir.
- Q Name them? A Why there was Charity, and Sam Landrum, Dan--
- Q Any others that you can recollect of? A There was one named Trunk, he was the oldest one.
- Q Was there one named Jack? A Yes sir, Jack and Jim.
- Q Do you know whether Charity was a slave or not? A Yes sir.
- Q Who did she belong to? A Daniel Landrum.
- Q A Cherokee citizen? A Yes sir.
- Q Was she a slave when the war broke out? A Yes sir, I think she was.
- Q Do you know whether she left the Cherokee nation during the war or not? A No sir, I don't know anything about it.
- Q When was the first time you saw her after the war?
- A The fall of '66.
- Q Where did you see her then? A Right at home, at my step father's.
- Q Where was that at? A Up there on the river where we live.
- Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.
- Q Near Ketchum? A Yes sir, on the east side of the river.
- Q How long did she remain there in that neighborhood? A She stayed there with us all that winter and the next year she went to her father's.
- Q Where did her father live? A Down on Lynch Prairie.
- Q That in the Cherokee nation? A Yes sir.
- Q How long did she remain there, or do you know? A I don't know just how long she did stay there, quite awhile.
- Q When did you see her after she left your neighborhood?
- A I seen her off and on all the time after she left there. She came to Vinita and went west.
- Q Do you know who she married? A A fellow named--we always

called him Sheep Jim Liberty.

Q Did you see her between the time of her leaving there and the time of her marrying Jim? A No sir, I never saw her until after she married Jim and came to Vinita.

Q About what time did she come to Vinita? A That was along in about '75 or '76 as well as I can remember.

Q Did you see her pretty often from that time on? A No sir, not very often, she lived away out west.

Q Out west, where? A On Big Creek.

Q In the Cherokee Nation? A Yes sir.

Q Do you have any idea about what time she died? A I don't know, along about, I don't just remember but it was along between '79 and '80, somewhere along there.

Q Do you know where she was buried? A No sir, I don't, she died out west.

Q Do you know whether she had any children by that marriage or not? A Yes sir, I seen these two children when they were small, but I havn't never seen them since they were small. They were little fellows when I seen them.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Where did you live before the war? A I lived up on the hill road east of the Moss Ridge place and lived right on the Moss Ridge place at the breaking out of the war.

Q Delaware District? A Yes sir.

Q Where did these Landrums live? A Stayed with Dave Landrum on this side of the river, I never was there.

Q You never saw Charity until after the war? A No sir, I never saw her.

Q You were most too young to remember very much before the war, anyhow? A Why, I remember a good deal, I remember her mother, Aunt Peggy.

Q You were not but 7 or 8 years old when the war come up?

A I was about 8 or 9 years old, I remember her oldest son, one called Trunk, he was a fiddler.

Q I want to know if you knew Charity Landrum? A Yes sir, I knew her.

Q But you never knew her before the war? A I don't remember now.

Q You don't know then of your own personal knowledge that she was a slave of the Landrums before the war, all you know is what you have heard? A I can't answer you there I don't believe.

Q You don't remember, you are not certain? A No sir, I don't want to make no mistake.

Q Now is 1866 you were not but 13 years old, were you?

A Somewhere I don't remember just exactly about that, 13 or 14.

Q You give your age now as 53? A I got my age from my master after I came back here. I got my age in '66 from my master, after we got back here.

Q What direction did Charity go during the war? A I don't know.

Q North or south? A South I reckon.

Q Did you hear of her being brought back? A I heard of her being brought back from the south.

Q Are you any relation to her? A Yes sir, she is my cousin.

Q How long after she was brought back before you saw her?

A I saw her after she was brought back, my step-father went after her.

Q Was it in a few days after she come back? A Yes sir.

Q Where was she brought to? A She was taken down on Cabin Creek and my step-father, Lewis Rowe, went over there and seen them and come back home and told my mother about it and she told him to go and get them and he did.

Q Isn't it rather remarkable that you and Tom upon the stand



pretty near tell the exact language used in a conversation that happened 40 years ago,--did they stay right around there in that neighborhood? A She stayed awhile, her father come and get her and she stayed down there.

Q How long? A Stayed around there until she went out west.

Q I am trying to get you to estimate how long she stayed?

A I don't know how long.

Q 3 or 4 or 5 years? A She stayed around there probably three years.

Q Right in that neighborhood? A Yes sir, stayed right with her father.

Q Continuously all this time? A Stayed with her father when she was there.

Q I said did she stay there continuously all this time?

A Well, what time she stayed there she stayed there?

Q Of course, but what time you are sitting in this room are you here--, now I want to know if she stayed around there continuously all the time until she left there? A Yes sir, she stayed around there until she left.

Q For two or three years? A She stayed around there awhile.

Q Did she stay around there until she went out west, all the time? A Yes sir, I think she did.

Q Do you know ~~him~~ John Landrum or Jack Landrum, her brother?

A Yes sir.

Q He has filed an affidavit in this case taken before I. P. Bledsoe of the 22nd day of December, 1905, in which he states: 'I had a sister Charity Landrum who belonged to the same Cherokees and went south at the beginning of the war into the Chectaw Nation but returned to the Cherokee Nation in '65 or '66, and my sister Charity came back with them and came up into Kansas with Lewis Rowe to where I was, and came back to the Nation with us in the fall of '66, etc.,' is that statement of her brothers filed in support of a motion to reopen in this case, true or not?

A She came from the Chectaw Nation with her sister Sophia and Easter Landrum.

Q Did she go on to Kansas as John Landrum states in this affidavit? A I think she did.

Q Why is it you just now swore she lived right there in that neighborhood all the time for two or three years and when she left she went out west, out there? A I don't know just whether she did or not. I couldn't say where she went.

Q Do you think that same fall she did go up there? A No sir, she stayed with us in the fall of '66.

Q Then if her brother swears that, it is not true is it? A I don't know nothing about that.

Q Well they both cannot be true, she either went or she didn't go? A I don't know about that.

Q If Mary Landrum, his wife, swears practically the same thing, is that true or not? A I don't know about that Mr.

Hastings. All I know, step-father went over on Big Cabin and got her and she stayed with us that winter and in the spring and summer of '69, and then her father come and got her and she stayed down there.

Q You ~~never~~ have never made any original affidavits in this case, have you? A No sir, not for Charity.

Q Did Charity have some children? A Yes sir.

Q What was their eldest child's name? A Fred.

Q Fred what? A I don't know, he was an out child.

- Q By who? A Jack Buffington supposed to be.  
Q Where does he live? A In Parsons.  
Q Where did he live then? A In that neighborhood.  
Q When was that child born? A I don't remember, along in, as well as I remember it was along in '68 or '69.  
Q You don't remember exactly the year? A No sir, I don't.  
Q You just cannot be positive about the year it was born?  
A No sir, but she had the boy, I am positive of that.  
Q Did she have another one? A Yes sir.  
Q What was its name? A Tom.  
Q When was it born? A Right smart little little while after that. But I can't remember exactly when it was, he was another out child and I never paid any attention to it.  
Q What year did Charity die? A I don't know when she died.  
Q Why? A Because she lived 30 or 40 miles from me.  
Q You don't know the year of her death nor do you know the year her first two children were born? A No sir.  
Q You know 1866? A Yes sir, I know '66.  
Q You were a slave before the war? A Yes sir.  
Q You have been making some affidavits in other cases recently?  
A Yes sir, I made some.  
Q Did you ever make an affidavit in the Mose Riley case with reference to the date of the return of his father, Samuel Riley, or Riley McNair? A I made an affidavit, yes sir.  
Q In that case? A I think I did.  
Q Before whom? A Cafe Starr.  
Q Did he have a Notary? A He didn't have one at the time.  
Q Did you swear to it before the Notary? A Yes sir, I swore to my statement.  
Q Before what Notary. A I don't know what his name was now. I thought we were trying this case.  
Q I am asking you about some more? A I don't have to answer them.  
On Behalf of the Commissioner: Yes, you will have to answer them, you are sworn to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.  
Q Did you swear to it before a Notary? A Yes sir.  
Q Do you remember the Notary's name? A No sir.  
Q Do you remember when you made the affidavit in the Mose Riley case,--well was it made before an old man or young man, or do you know. A It was a young fellow but I just couldn't swear that.  
Q Was it before a man or woman? A I made one affidavit before a woman.  
Q In what case? A I don't know which case it was, there was so many of them.  
Q What woman? A I don't know her name.  
Q You have made so many you don't remember? A No sir, I don't.  
Q You have been in a habit in the last six months of making an affidavit about everyone that was asked of you? A No sir.  
Q When did you swear in that affidavit that Mose Riley's father and his family returned to the Cherokee Nation? A I don't remember the day now.  
Q You wouldn't then be willing to testify positively as to the date of their return? A I aint testifying as to Mose Riley's

return, it is his father's return.

Q I say, you would not be willing to testify positive as to when his father returned? A Yes sir, I seen him when he come.

Q Didn't you say while ago to a question above that you were not positive? A I didn't know what questions you put to me.

Q Well are you positive as to the date of his father's return?

A Yes sir, to the best of myb recollection I am.

Q That is not the question I asked you, are you positiv~~as~~ to the date of his father's return? A Yes sir, I am positive.

Q When? A It was along in '66, along in the fall.

Q To what place did he come? A Come over there to the old Bob Daniels place on the road.

Q Have his family with him? A No sir, just himself.

Q On his way back? A Yes sir, on his way back here.

Q About what time in the fall was that? A Why it was along the first part of the fall to the best of my memory.

Q Where did he come to then? A He come on down here to McNair's, they said, I don't know where he come to, down on Spring Creek.

Q How long was it before you ever saw his family? A It was a good bit.

Q Two or three years? A No sir, he made a crop, then went back and got his family.

Q Made a crop the next year? A Yes sir.

Q In '67? A Yes sir, '67, then went back and got his family.

Q Did you make an affidavit in the Sam Landrum case and William Todd case? A Yes sir.

Q Where did you make that one? A Vinita.

Q Before whom? A Cale Starr made it out.

Q What Notary swore you? A I went before the Commissioner to the best of my recollection.

Q Where did you swear that Boney Dan came to, who is the father of Dan Landrum? A To the Lewis Kell place.

Q Did you put that in the affidavit? A Yes sir.

Q What year did you say you saw him? A Well, that was in the fall after he come back, in the fall of '66.

Q How long after that before you saw his family? A Why it was when I seen his family, that was '67.

Q I will ask you if you didn't sign an affidavit in that case in which you stated, "I knew he came to the Cherokee Nation, Indian Territory, with his family and effects and permanently located therein in the fall of the year 1866"? A I don't know, that might have been put in there, but he come here himself, I know he was here and his family come afterwards.

Q Did you swear that? A I reckon if I swore it I must have swore it.

Q Is it true? A Well, he come first.

Q You just swore you never saw his family that year? A It was the next year I saw them.

Q Are you in a habit of swearing things so miscellaneously as that? A No sir.

Q Was it true that you saw his family and they permanently located in 1866, with his family here? A Boney Dan was the man I am swearing.

Q I am asking you if you swore his family was here and they permanently located in 1866, you know whether that was true or not?



A The old man is the man I made a statement, I didn't put that in there.

Q Then that is not true that which is in this affidavit, a copy of which you have heard read, made on the 25th day of May, 1906, in the Sam Landrum case? A It is true that Sam Landrum's father was there.

Q How about his family? A I don't know about it.

Q And was he at Lewis Kell's? A The old man was the one that I swore about.

Q You didn't see his family in 1866? A No sir, I didn't see his family.

Q Where did you first see him? A The first place I saw him he come down there on the river on the old Dr. Thompson place.

Q Did you just now swear that it was at Lewis Kell's? A Yes sir., there is where he was but I saw him again down there at the Dr. Thompson place.

Q But you had done seen him there at the Kell place? A Yes sir.

Q Working in a blacksmith shop? A He wasn't at work but he was there.

Q Have you made an affidavit in the James Neal Vann case? A Yes sir.

Q Before whom did you make that affidavit and for whom? A

A Made it for Cale Starr, he wrote it out.

Q When did you first see James Neal Vann after the war? A The first time I saw him was down on Lynch prairie in Saline District.

Q How long after the war that Nels? A It wasn't so long.

Q Two or three years? A No sir, it wasn't no two or three years.

Q Well, what year was it? A It was in '66 along in the fall.

Q What time of the year of 1866? A Along about the latter part of the fall.

Q Who did you see him with? A With a lot of other boys around there.

Q You don't know who he come with? A No sir.

Q But you just only know you saw him down there? A Yes sir.

Q And you saw him there in the fall of '66? A Yes sir.

Q Now that is the truth is it? A Yes sir.

Q Now you made an affidavit the first day of August, 1906, before Thomas J. Farrar, U. S. Commissioner, a copy of which I hold in my hand, and in which you stated as follows: "Sometime in the spring of 1866 the applicant, James H. Vann returned to the Cherokee nation from Kansas with old man Jess Vann, Gilbert Vann, Keke Raten, Katie Vann and George Musgrove". Now you state that you never saw him until late in the fall and that you saw him down in Saline District, and that you don't know who he come with, - I will ask you which statement is true, the one you made before Commissioner Farrar or the one you are making here before the Commissioner today? A I havn't got any more answers.

On behalf of the Commissioner: Answer his questions.

A I wasn't subpoenaed here in that case.

On Behalf of the Commissioner:

Q Do you know which of your statements are true? A(No response)

Q Do you refuse to answer? A No sir, I don't refuse to answer. I recall my first answer because I spoke before I was thinking what I said. The statement what I signed here is true.. I recall this answer I made today that it was in the fall of '66.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q Do you know now who he came back with? A With them folks.

Q Now who were they? A Well it was Tom Eaton's brother.

Q Did he come back in the fall or spring? A Come back in the spring because they come by the old Daniels place there and stopped and eat dinner.

Q Why didn't you swear that while ago? A Because I was just thinking about it. Because I will tell you I don't want to come so far from my home and make any false statements, but of course whenever you smart men get hold of anybody and they speak things before they think.

Q Did you make an affidavit in the Jennie or Harley Martin case, A I made one for Uncle Hels Martin case.

Q As to when Hels Martin returned? A Yes sir.

Q Before when was that made? A I don't remember now Mr. Hastings.

Q How come you to make all these affidavits here in the last six months. At whose suggestion have they been made? A Why the applicants ask me what I know about their folks.

Q Where did Hels Martin return to after the war? A Come down on Lynch Prairie.

Q To what place? A I don't know just exactly what place he com to, just when he got in there but the first time I seen him was at that old Spring Frog School House one Sunday to Church.

Q About how old were you when you saw him? A About 14 or 15 or 13.

Q Might have been as much as 15 or 16? A No sir, I wasn't that old.

Q Were you as old as 14? A I was 13, it was in the fall of '66.

Q All of this happened in the fall of '66? A Yes sir, we went down there to meeting one time.

Q Did you see his family? A No sir, I didn't see his family.

Q How long after that before you saw his family? A Oh, I seen him, it was quite awhile before I seen His family.

Q Well about how long? A I reckon it was two or three months, or 3 or 4 months.

Q Did you see his family that year? A Yes sir.

Q Where? A Down there in that country.

Q On what place? A I forget the name of the place down there.

Q Don't recollect it now, do you? A It seems like it was a place George Clark used to own but I forget the name of it.

Q Did he have any children at that time? A Yes sir, he had some children.

Q Was it then before or after Christmas that you saw the family? A It was along before Christmas.

Q You don't know a thing about it, it is all guess work with you, aint it? A I get my memory bothered sometimes, I never told that.

- Q Did you make an affidavit in the Gertie Martin case? A I made an affidavit that I seen her mother when her mother come.
- Q What was her mother's name? A Her name was. I will tell you directly. I never saw her but a few times. That is when she come up to her father's.
- Q Was that the first time you saw her? A No sir, I seen her down to Gibson when they were down there in the fall of '66. We went down there in the winter or fall like of '65 and we stayed down there all that winter and in the spring of '66 and I saw her.
- Q You never saw her from the spring of 1866 until she went up to her father's? A No sir, that was in '70.
- Q Do you know what her mother's name was? A Her mother went by two names.
- Q What name did you swear she went by in that affidavit? A Rose as well as I remember.
- Q That was the mother of Gertie? A No, that was Gertie's grandmother.
- Q What was Gertie's mother's name? A Phyllis.
- Q Phyllis what? A I don't know what her other name was.
- Q Did you ever make an affidavit in the Elian Downing case?
- A Yes sir, I think I did.
- Q How is it that you never testified as a standing witness in any of these freedman cases until within the last six months?
- A None of them ever asked me to.
- Q Were you living right in the community with them?
- A Yes sir.
- Q When did you first see Elias Downing after the war?
- A The first time I seen him he come up there in the summer of '66. We were living on the old Bob Daniels place.
- Q He come to the old Bob Daniels place? A Yes sir, come in that neighborhood, his father lived right there on the hill and it was in the fall. The latter part of the summer or fall Elias come because his father lived on the Bob Daniels place that spring and he brought another little place down on the river and Elias went down there.
- Q How long did he stay there. He stayed there until he got scared and run off and went back to Texas.
- Q How long was that? A It was a good long while, stayed there until in '67 I think it was?
- Q What time in 1867? A To the best of my recollection; on it seems to me it was in the fall of '67 Mr. Hastings, I think now. That was the time he run off and went to Texas, got into a little whiskey scrape.
- Q How long was he gone to Texas? A Three or four or five years, I don't know how long he was gone. He was gone quite a bit and when he come back he had a family.
- Q What year did the war close? A Closed in about '63 I reckon.
- Q How many years after the war before you saw Charity? A '65 or '66.
- Q I never asked you what year, of course you would say '66, I am asking you how many years after the war closed? A It was a little over two years, being in '66, lets see.
- Q I am not asking you if it was '66. You think now--answer the number of years it was? A Why, it was two years and a little over, 8 or 9 months, maybe 10.
- Q After the war? A Yes sir, it was in '66.
- Q Now lets return to the Sam Landrum case, you made an affidavit before the Clerk in that case, didn't you, Clerk Davidson, or his brother E. B. Davidson? A No sir, I didn't go before him.
- Q You know Clerk Davidson's brother, E. B. Davidson?
- A I have seen him.

Q You never went before him? A Yes sir, I went before a clerk.

Q Did you make an affidavit in the Sam Landrum case before E. B. Davidson, Deputy Clerk at Vinita? A The affidavit was made out and just took me in there and he swore me.

Q You testified awhile ago that you saw Boney Dan Landrum at the Kell place first didn't you? A That is what I stated, but you have got me bothered up.

Q You cannot tell about these cases unless you are refreshed just before you come in in each individual case, can you? A I don't understand what you are trying to do Mr. Hastings.

Q I am asking you now, when you said awhile ago when you first saw Boney Dan Landrum and where after the war? A Well I cannot answer that.

Q When did you see Boney Dan's family after the war, can you answer that? A No sir, I can't answer that.

By Mr. Bledsoe.

Q Now Nelson when did you first see Charity Landrum after the war? A Why, it was in '66, right at home.

Q When did you come back to this country? A In the fall of '65.

Q Now why do you know that it was in '66? A Because it was the next year after we came from Kansas.

Q Did you have to get here within a certain time? A That is what they said.

Q You are satisfied that Charity came here within that time?

Mr. Hastings: Objected to because he is only asking for an opinion.

On behalf of the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

A I know she came here.

Q Within the limits of the Treaty? A Yes sir, come right there and lived with us until spring, I know that.

Q And what is your best knowledge in regard to where she stayed and made her home afterwards? A She just made her home in the Cherokee Nation all her life.

Q Live and die here? A Lived and died here and buried here.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q How do you know she was buried here? A They said she was.

Q You never saw it? A No sir, that is what they said.

Q You are willing to testify anything what they said, didn't you testify awhile ago she might have gone to Kansas? A She didn't stay long in Kansas if she went.

Q Didn't you testify she went up there? A I said she might have gone up there.

Q Then if John Landrum swears he brought her back, is that true?

A I don't know nothing about that.

By Mr. Bledsoe:

Q When these people came back after the war there was nothing here to subsist on? A No sir.

Q They had to go some place to get something to live on? A Yes sir.

Q She might have been gone to Kansas and stayed a little while and then come back? A If she went she stayed a mighty little while.

Q How do you get the impression that she was-- that her parents were the slaves of Cherokee citizens in the Cherokee nation?

By Mr. Hastings: objected to as being irrelevant and immaterial, the question is as to Charity Landrum, the mother of these applicants.

On Behalf of the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

Q How did you get information that a person was a slave?

Mr. Hastings: Objected to as being irrelevant for the reason that this witness testified already under oath that he didn't know Charity Landrum, the mother of these applicants before the war and had never seen her until after the war.

On behalf of the Commissioner: The objection will be noted.

Q You knew Charity's father and mother? A Yes sir.

Q You knew them to be slaves? A Yes sir, they belonged to Dave Landrum,--Uncle George used to drive his teams.

Q How did you know Charity to be their child? A Because I heard her call them mother and father.

Q All lived in the same family? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings:

Q That was after the war? A Yes sir.

Witness excused

By Mr. Hastings: I want to make an inquiry here if there is any objection on behalf of counsel for applicants to agreeing that William P. Ross was never Chief of the Cherokee Nation until the meeting of Council in the fall of 1866?

By Mr. Starr: The attorneys for the applicants cannot agree to that statement as we are not informed as to who filled the vacancy from the date of the death of John Ross until his successor was elected by the National Council.

By Mr. Hastings: Will you agree that it is a historical fact that John Ross died on the 1st day of August, 1866?

By Mr. Starr: Yes, we will agree to that.

By Mr. Hastings: You agree that he was Chief up to that date then, do you? A Yes sir.

By Mr. Hastings: I desire to call special attention to this agreement for the purpose of contradicting the witness Katie Vann, who testified about letters having been written in the fall before they came in the spring by Chief William Ross.

By the Commissioner:

By agreement between the attorney for the Cherokee Nation and the attorneys for the applicant, the testimony of the witnesses, Ned Adair and Tassel Young will be taken at Chateau, Indian Territory, on Monday, February 11, 1907.

Frances R. Lane, upon oath, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Frances R. Lane*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this February 14, 1907.

*Charles B. Chappell*

Notary Public.



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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
MUSKOGEE, IND. THE TWENTY-NINTH, 1907.

In the matter of the alleged application for the enrollment of REFUS VANN as a Cherokee Freedman.

Applicant appears in person and by  
Starr & Patten, Attorneys, Vinita, Ind. Ter.

APPEARANCES:

Cherokee Nation represented by W. W. Hastings.

REFUS VANN being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

ON BEHALF OF COMMISSIONER:

Q. What is your name?

A. Refus Vann.

Q. What is your age?

A. I am twenty-seven years old.

Q. What is your postoffice address?

A. Choteau.

Q. Do you appear here today for the purpose of making application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Have you ever prior to this time appeared before either the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes of this office for that purpose?

A. Yes sir.

Q. State when and where you appeared?

A. I was here along in--I don't know whether it was July or August The 24th of August, I believe it was.

Q. Of last year?

A. No sir, 1905, August 24, I believe it was, 1905--

Q. Was that the only time you ever appeared?

A. I was here twice afterwards but didn't get before the Commission only once.

Q. Was your testimony taken at the time you appeared?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Were you sworn and your testimony taken?

A. Yes sir

Q. Prior to your appearance here had any letters relative to your enrollment as a Cherokee freedman been addressed either to the Department at Washington, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes, or to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes?

A. Yes sir? Well, sir, I really don't understand just what you mean?

Q. Had any letters been written to the Department at Washington or to this office by you about your enrollment?

- A. I had one written at Wagoner.  
Q. You say there was a letter written at Wagoner, Indian Territory, relative to your enrollment?  
A. Yes sir, an affidavit or something of that kind I had wrote, Campbell Carrington wrote it.  
Q. Where was that affidavit sent? What was done with it?  
A. It was sent to Washington.

Attorneys for applicant present a letter from the Department of the Interior dated August 24, 1904 (I.T.D. 8939-1904), signed by Edward M. Dawson, Chief Clerk, acknowledging receipt of a certain letter from Rufus Vann, bearing date of August 11, 1904, and stating that the communication had been referred to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes for consideration and appropriate action.

The records of this office show that the communication referred to was, by reference of the Secretary of the Interior received at this office August 27, 1904.

- Q. What is the name of your father? A. James Vann?  
Q. What is your mother's name? A. Her name was Nancy.  
Q. Where was you born? A. I was told I was born on Cabin Creek.  
Q. Cherokee Nation?  
A. Yes sir, west of Vinita about ten miles, northwest, sorter.  
Q. Where have you been living the last ten or twelve years?  
A. I have been here at Chouteau.  
Q. In the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Have you ever been outside of the Cherokee Nation?  
A. Not to stay, I have been out but not long at a time.  
Q. When did you leave the Cherokee Nation the first time?  
A. I never did leave it only just a few days at a time.  
Q. How long was the longest time you were ever out of the Cherokee Nation?  
A. I was out three or four years ago working on an extra gang.  
Q. Where were you at that time? A. I was in Parsons, Kansas.  
Q. You were living in Parsons? A. No, not in the town, I was on the branch running in to Kansas City.  
Q. Where were you in 1900 and 1901?  
A. I was at Chouteau.  
Q. What was the reason you did not appear before the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and make application for enrollment at that time?  
A. I started to Fort Gibson when they was there, and my father told me when he came back that he made application for me and I thought there was no need for me to hurry about it.  
Q. You thought your father had made application for you?  
A. Yes sir.  
Q. Then you did not take any personal action in the matter of your application for enrollment until 1904? A. Yes sir.



- Q. Has your residence been continuously in the Cherokee Nation since birth? A. Yes sir.
- Q. You have considered this your home all the time? A. Yes sir.
- Q. You claim the right to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman do you solely through your father James Vann? A. Yes sir.
- Q. Your mother was not a Cherokee freedman? A. Yes sir, she was too, but she never did get her rights established I don't think.
- Q. Is she living? A. No sir, she is dead.
- Q. When did she die? A. She has been dead fourteen or fifteen years as well as I can remember.

BY MR. HASTINGS:

- Q. You did not give any testimony in 1904 did you Rufus, before the Commission? you went over there for the purpose of filing didn't you? A. Over where?
- Q. Before the Commission? A. No sir, I was here.
- Q. Now, you filed an affidavit, which was sent to Washington, and you state, the sixth allegation in it is as follows: "That having on the eighth of August, 1904, attended the Dawes Commission office at Muskogee, Indian Territory, to see about filing on his allotment, was informed that he was not duly enrolled and is not entitled to any allotment in the Cherokee Nation" Now, you did not state at all in your petition to the Secretary that you had given any testimony with reference to your right to enrollment in August of 1904, but just simply came and made inquiry about it?
- A. The clerk taken it down. They taken me before a clerk up here somewhere.
- Q. Up here in this building? A. Yes sir.
- Q. And that was in August, 1904? A. Yes sir.
- Q. That was when you went up to Tahlequah to try to file, was it? A. No sir, I never did go to Tahlequah.
- Q. Was the Land Office here then? A. Yes sir.
- Q. You came down here for the purpose of filing? A. I came down here to enroll.
- Q. Why did not you state that in your petition, or rather your statement that you sent to Washington, which is without date, but was received by the Department on August 24, 1904, No. 6939? You did not state then anything about having come here to make application did you?
- A. How is that? I can't hear good.
- Q. You did not state anything about coming here to make application did you? A. Coming here?
- Q. Now I am not talking to you Rufus to confuse you, but when you sent that statement to Washington you did not tell the Secretary that you came here to enroll, did you?
- A. Why, I guess I did; I aimed to, that fellow that wrote it up for me, I aimed for him to state that.
- Q. You don't really know what he stated, do you?

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- A. No sir.  
Q. You stated you were born in 1879, is that true?  
A. I guess so; I don't know when I was born.

JAMES H. VANN being first duly sworn, testified as follows:

BY MR. STARR:

- Q. What is your name? A. James H. Vann.  
Q. What is your age? A. Fifty-two.  
Q. What is your postoffice address? A. Lenapah.  
Q. Are you acquainted with Rufus Vann? A. Yes sir.  
Q. What relation is he to you? A. My son.  
Q. How old is he? A. About twenty-seven.  
Q. What was the name of his mother? A. Nancy Vann.  
Q. Was Rufus born in the Cherokee Nation? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Has he lived in the Cherokee Nation all his life? A. Yes sir.  
Q. Continuously, up until the present time?  
A. Yes sir, all his life.

The undersigned being first duly sworn, states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she correctly recorded the testimony taken in this case, and that the above and foregoing is a full, true and correct transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*L. M. Brown*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of February, 1907

*John E. Tidwell*  
Notary Public

J.O.R.

Cherokee P. 666  
Cherokee P. 1216

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.  
Muskogee, I. T., February 11, 1907.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann et al., as Cherokee Freedmen, consolidating the applications for the enrollment of James N. Vann et al., Cherokee P. 666, and Martha Williams et al., Cherokee P. 1216.

The attorney for the Cherokee Nation, announcing his inability to secure testimony of the witnesses Ned Adair and Fassell Young at Choteau, Indian Territory, and having informed the Commissioner that he has notified the attorneys for the applicants not to be present at Choteau on this day to take the testimony of said witnesses in pursuance to the continuance of the case, this case will be closed and a decision rendered on the evidence heretofore introduced.

Frances R. Lane upon oath states that as stenographer to the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes she reported the testimony in the above entitled cause and that the foregoing is an accurate transcript of her stenographic notes thereof.

*Frances R. Lane*

Subscribed and sworn to before me this February 14, 1907.

*Walter W. Chappell*  
Notary Public.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the application for the enrollment of James W. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen, consolidating the applications for the enrollment of:

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| Martha Williams.....      | Cherokee freedman | 1216 |
| Rufus Vann.....           | Cherokee NW       | 49   |

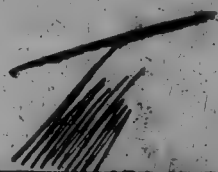
D E C I S I O N

THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW: That applications for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen were made to the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes by James W. Vann for himself and minor children, William, George and Cleveland Vann; by Martha Williams for herself and by Rufus Vann for himself. The records further show that on July 10, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered its decision herein granting the application for the enrollment of said Martha Williams as a Cherokee freedman, and that her name was included in the partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Secretary of the Interior November 16, 1904, opposite No. 3860, and that on December 28, 1905, the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered his decision herein, denying the application for the enrollment of James W. Vann, William Vann, George Vann and Cleveland Vann as Cherokee freedmen, and that said decision was duly forwarded the Department for review; that thereafter on January 7, 1907 (I.T.D. 24468-06), motions for a rehearing having been filed in the case of James W. Vann, et al., the Department returned said case to this office for further hearing and readjudication, and rescinded its action approving the partial roll of Cherokee freedmen above mentioned insofar as it referred to the said Martha Williams, and authorized this office to readjudicate her case with the case of James W. Vann. Further proceedings in the matter of said applications were had at Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7 and 11, 1907.

THE EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SHOWS: That the principal applicant herein, James W. Vann, was the slave of a Cherokee citizen at the commencement of the war of the rebellion; that during the progress of said rebellion he left the Cherokee Nation, and returned thereto and established an actual personal bona fide residence therein

after the close of the war within the time specified in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, trustee, etc., vs. the Cherokee Nation, et al., and as provided by Section three of the Act of Congress approved April 26, 1906 (34 Stat. 137), for the return of freedmen to the Cherokee Nation, and that he has since continuously resided in the Cherokee Nation. The evidence further shows that all the other applicants herein were born since 1866, are children of the said James N. Vann, and have continuously resided in the Cherokee Nation since birth.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED AND ADJUDGED: That in accordance with the provisions of Section twenty-one of the Act of Congress approved June 28, 1898 (30 Stat. 495), James N. Vann, William Vann, George Vann, Cleveland Vann, Martha Williams and Rufus Vann are entitled to enrollment as Cherokee freedmen, and their applications for enrollment as such are accordingly granted.



Commissioner

Dated at Muskogee, Indian Territory,  
this FEB 28 1907

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THE DEATH OF

George Vann  
a citizen of the

Cherokee Nation.

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Commissioner.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes.

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J. S. Wright,  
Commissioner.

James H. Vann, et al.



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSION TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

In the matter of the death of George Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, who formerly resided at or near  
Senapah Ind. Ter., and died on the 8th day of  
February, 1907.

AFFIDAVIT OF RELATIVE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
Western DISTRICT.

I, James N. Vann, on oath state that I am 52  
years of age and a citizen, by Freudian of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Senapah Ind. Ter.; that I am  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
the father of George Vann  
(State relationship: as the father; an uncle; a cousin, etc.) (Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freudian of the Cherokee Nation  
and that said George Vann died on the 8th day of  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
February, 1907.

WITNESSES TO MARK:

(Must Be Two Witnesses.) { Rufus Vann  
J. J. Franklin  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of March, 1907.  
my com. expires Dec 7, 1910.  
Will A Crockett  
Notary Public.

AFFIDAVIT OF ACQUAINTANCE.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, INDIAN TERRITORY,  
northern DISTRICT.

I, Tom Rider, on oath state that I am 33  
years of age, and a citizen by Freudian of the Cherokee Nation;  
that my postoffice address is Chautau Ind. Ter.;  
(Here insert name of postoffice.)  
that I was personally acquainted with George Vann  
(Here insert name of deceased.)  
who was a citizen, by Freudian of the Cherokee Nation;  
and that said George Vann died on the 8th day of  
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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

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CHIEF CLERK,

CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

DEAR SIR:

The records of this office show

*James H. Vann*

listed on Cherokee card No. *7666*

to be prima facie entitled to enrollment as *Friedman* *Churn* of the Cherokee Nation for the following reason,

viz: *On Schedule forwarded Sept for approval*

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Dated

*March 18 1907*



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
COMMISSIONER TO THE FIVE CIVILIZED TRIBES.

CHIEF-CLERK,

CHEROKEE LAND OFFICE.

DEAR SIR :

The records of this office show

listed on Cherokee card No.

to be prima facie entitled to enrollment as of the Cherokee Nation for the following reason,

viz :

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Dated

Cherokee F-666

Tahlequah, Indian Territory, May 18, 1903.

James Vann,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

In the testimony given by you before the Cherokee Land Office at Vinita, I.T., on February 9, 1903, in the matter of your application for the enrollment of yourself and family as Cherokee freedmen, you spoke of a daughter Martha, who had already made application to the Commission for enrollment.

You are requested to furnish the Commission with the full name of your daughter Martha, in order that her application may be considered in connection with your own application for enrollment.

Respectfully,

MPM

Commissioner in Charge  
Cherokee Land Office.

( COPY )

Chouteau, I.T., May 23rd 1903.

Yours recd. in answer to my inquiry in regard to the enrollment of my daughter as a Cherokee freedman and I will say that she was married to one Gus Williams at the time she applied to your Commission in Vinita for enrollment; but her name is on the K.C. Roll of Cherokee Freedmen as Martha Vann, with me- James N. Vann, George, Will, Rufus, Cleve, all as Vanns, this is my entire family- please attend to this matter at your earliest convenience & oblige.

James N. Vann

Please advise me of your action & always write me James N. Vann as we have another James Vann here, hence the change.

J.N.V.

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J.N.V.

Cherokee  
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COPY.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1905.

James N. Vann,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, rejecting your application for the enrollment of yourself and children, William, George, and Cleveland Vann, as Cherokee freedmen. There has this day been furnished your agent, I. P. Bledsoe, Choteau, Indian Territory, a copy of the record of proceedings had in this case, together with a copy of the Commissioner's decision.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in this case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The Department's action will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

(SIGNED)

Incl. GL-20.

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Commissioner.

Cherokee  
F 666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1905.

I. P. Bledsoe,

Agent for James N. Vann,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N., William, George, and Cleveland Vann as Cherokee freedmen, together with a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, rejecting said application.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings, had in this case has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The Department's action will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Incl. OL-21.  
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Commissioner.

Register.

Cherokee  
F 666

Muskogee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1905.

Bell, Hastings & Davenport,

Attorneys for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is inclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, rejecting the application for the enrollment of James W., William, George, and Cleveland Vann as Cherokee freedmen.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in this case has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The Department's action will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Incl. GL-22.  
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Commissioner.

Muskegee, Indian Territory, December 28, 1905.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application of James N. Vann for the enrollment of himself and children, William, George, and Cleveland Vann as Cherokee freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, adverse to said applicants.

James N. Vann claims the right to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman by virtue of his compliance with the provision of Article 9 of the Treaty of 1866, and his children above named claim the same right as his descendants, and as the descendants of their mother, Nancy Vann, deceased, who it is alleged complied with said Treaty stipulations of 1866. In this connection the Department's attention is called to the Cherokee freedman enrollment case of Martha Williams, nee Vann, (Freedman D 366; now 1216), in whose case the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes on July 10, 1903, rendered a decision favorable to her. A copy of said decision was on July 17, 1903, forwarded to the Attorney for the Cherokee Nation and he



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was notified that he would be allowed fifteen days from the latter date within which to file such protest as he desired to make against the Commission's action, and upon his failure to file a protest within the time allowed said decision would be considered final. No protest having been made against the enrollment of Martha Williams, nee Vann, as a Cherokee freedman, she was regularly listed for enrollment and her name was included in a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen approved by the Department on November 16, 1904, opposite No. 3250.

The record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of Martha Williams shows that the only right to enrollment which she possesses is as a descendant of her father, and mother, James W. and Nancy Vann, who it is held by this office in its decision dated December 28, 1905, did not return after the war of the rebellion to the Cherokee Nation and establish their residence therein within the time specified in the decree of the Court of Claims rendered on February 3, 1896, in the case of Moses Whitmire, Trustee etc. vs. The Cherokee Nation et al., for the return of freedmen to said nation.

It is, therefore, respectfully recommended that the Department rescind its approval of the schedule of Cherokee freedmen approved November 16, 1904, insofar as it relates

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to Martha Williams opposite No. 3850 thereon, and that this  
office be authorized to readjudicate her case.

Respectfully,

Incl. 01-31.  
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Commissioner.

Through the  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

John A. Kidd

Loans, Insurance  
Notary in Office

Oil Lands  
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Senapah, Indian Territory, Jan. 16th 1906.

Mr I.P.Blusoe,

Dear Sir:

Yours of recent date relating to my case and requesting me to send in additional names of witnesses that I desired.

I would like to have as witnesses; L.D.Daniels, Katie Vann, Jerry and ~~Ed~~ Forster, James Rider, Jennie Vann, Ned Adair, Nelson Murphey, Jackson Murphey, Sam and Mary Mays, William Hues, and George Vann.

I would like to take the affidavits of part of these witnesses as it will be a heavy expense to have all of them come to

*Senapah*  
~~Senapah~~. Please advise me as to this matter.

Yours truly,

*John A. Kidd*

Cherokee Freedmen

666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 20, 1906.

I. P. Bledsoe,

Agent for James M. Vann,

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This office is in receipt of your letter of January 13, inclosing affidavits signed by Jennie Boudinot, James Rider, and Ned Adair, which you request to be filed with and made a part of the record in the matter of the application of James Vann, et al., for enrollment as Cherokee freedmen. You request that a copy of the record in the matter of the application of Jennie Boudinot, nee Vann, for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman, be made a part of the record in this case.

In reply you are advised that the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application for the enrollment of James M. Vann, et al., including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1905, was, on that date, forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision.

For your information, there is quoted you the following extract of Departmental letter of November 21, 1905, in reference to a Cherokee freedmen enrollment case, to-wit,

"The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes having primary jurisdiction in Cherokee freedmen cases, it would

seem proper that the judgement of the Department should not be influenced to direct enrollment in this case by statements never before him or the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes".

The affidavit transmitted with your letter is, therefore, returned herewith.

You are further advised that, for the reason that the case of James M. Vann is now out of the hands of this office, and for the further reasons above stated, your request that a copy of the record of proceedings in the Jennie Boudinot case be made a part of the record in the Vann case, cannot be complied with.

Respectfully,

Incl. S-76

Commissioner.

Pryor Creek, Indian Territory,

January, 26, 1906.

To the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

This is to inform you that I have employed William Rich of Mound City, Kansas, an attorney at law, to prosecute an appeal from your decision in my application for enrollment as a Cherokee Citizen, entitled, Cherokee Freedman, 666. And also that I have never employed one I. P. Eledsoe of Chouteau, Indian Territory, as my attorney and that I do not desire you to recognize him as my agent.

As soon as Mr. Rich is recognized as an attorney before you, I desire that his name be enrolled and recognized as my attorney in the prosecution of my said application.

Yours truly,

*James W. Vann*

Cherokee  
F 666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 31, 1906.

William Rich,

Pryor Creek, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your letter of January 27, 1906, inclosing a motion with affidavits attached to have reopened the Cherokee freedman enrollment case of James M. Vann, et al., and stating that you will, in a few days, forward an application for admission to practice before this office, you are advised that until you shall have been admitted to practice before this office, you can not be entered as attorney of record for the applicants embraced in this case.

Respectfully,

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Acting Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 20, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to this office letter of December 28, 1905, transmitting the record of proceedings had in the matter of the application of James N. Vann for the enrollment of himself and children, William, George and Cleveland, as Cherokee freedmen, including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of the same date rejecting said application, there is inclosed herewith a motion made by William Rich, attorney for applicants, for a rehearing in said case. Evidence of service of a copy of the motion and the affidavits attached thereto upon the attorneys for the Cherokee Nation is furnished.

Respectfully,

Incl. 3-66

Acting Commissioner.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.



Cherokee Freedmen  
666

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 13, 1906

Starr & Patten,  
Attorneys for George Vann,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt of your letter of August 8, transmitting a letter from George Vann, stating that you are the sole attorneys representing him in the matter of his application for enrollment as a Cherokee Freedman. Your names have accordingly been entered as attorneys of record in said case.

You are advised that the application for the enrollment of, among others, George Vann, was refused by the Commissioner on December 28, 1905, and is still pending before the Department. You are further advised that a motion for rehearing of this case was filed June 27, 1906, to which reply of the Cherokee Nation was filed July 27, 1906.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

Cherokee Freedmen  
D 666

Muskogee, Indian Territory, August 30, 1906

Starr & Patten,

Attorneys for James N. Vann.

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

This office is in receipt, on June 25, 1906,  
of a motion made by you for a rehearing in the Cherokee  
freedmen enrollment case of James N. Vann, et al.

Said motion will receive the proper considera-  
tion of this office and be transmitted to the Department  
for action thereon, at the earliest practicable date, of  
which you will be promptly advised.

Respectfully,

L M B

Acting Commissioner

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WASHINGTON, D. C.  
J. H. McGOWAN    A. P. SERVEN    BARRY MOHUN

September 15, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please find herewith motion for rehearing in the Cherokee Freedman case of James N. Vann et al. F. D. 666. We believe the newly discovered evidence is ample to justify the granting of this motion and the enrollment of the applicants in this case.

Very respectfully,

*M. L. Serren & Mohun.*

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September 15, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Please find herewith motion for rehearing in the Cherokee Freedman case of James N. Vann et al. F. D. 666. We believe the newly discovered evidence is ample to justify the granting of this motion and the enrollment of the applicants in this case.

Very respectfully,

*M. L. Serven & Mohun.*

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Muskegee, Indian Territory, October 24, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

December 28, 1905, this office transmitted to the Department the record of proceedings had in the Cherokee freedmen case of James N. Vann, et al., including the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes of that date rejecting the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann and children, William, George and Cleveland Vann, and on March 20, 1906, there was transmitted a motion made by William Rich, attorney for applicants, for a rehearing in the case together with affidavits attached thereto. There is inclosed a motion made by Louis T. Brown, attorney for applicants, for a rehearing in the case, together with affidavits in support thereof by Ned Adair, James Rider and Jennie Boudinot. A copy of this motion was served on the attorney for the Cherokee Nation and said attorney protests against the motion being granted, and his motion is also inclosed. This motion was filed with this

office June 25, 1906, and the Nation's reply was filed July 27, 1906.

Respectfully,

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Commissioner.

Through the

Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
WASHINGTON.

December 8, 1906.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a communication from the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated December 28, 1906, enclosing the record of proceedings in the matter of the application of James W. Vann for the enrollment of himself and three minor children, William, George, and Cleveland Vann as Cherokee freedmen; also a communication of March 20, 1906, enclosing a motion filed by William Rich, attorney for the applicants, praying for a rehearing in the case, and also one dated October 24, 1906, enclosing motion for a rehearing filed by Louis T. Brown, attorney for the applicants, setting up newly discovered evidence and supporting it by the affidavits of Ned Adair, James Rider, and Jennie Boudinot. There are also filed in this Office on September 15, 1906, by McGowan, Serven and Mohun, a motion for a rehearing on the ground of newly discovered evidence, supported by the affidavits of George Vann, Nelson Moore, George West Vann, Arch Landrum and Joe Davis.

The principal applicant James W. Vann, bases his right to enrollment as a Cherokee freedman on the ground of his com-



pliance with the provisions of Article 9 of the Treaty of 1866. The right of the other applicants is contingent upon that of the principal applicant, their father. The evidence shows that James W. Vann was the slave of Cherokee citizens at the commencement of the War of the rebellion and was taken from the Cherokee Nation to the State of Kansas during the war, and later returned to the Cherokee Nation and established a residence therein. None of the applicants, nor Nancy Vann, the wife of the principal applicant and the mother of the others, are identified on the Cherokee tribal roll of 1890 or on the Cherokee census roll of 1896. The names of James Vann, William Vann, George Vann and Cleveland Vann all appear upon the Kerns Clifton roll.

It is contended that James W. Vann is entitled to enrollment for the reason that his mother and brothers and sisters have been enrolled. The testimony goes to show however that his mother and brothers and sisters were taken to Texas during the war while the applicant himself was taken to the State of Kansas, and his enrollment depends entirely upon the time that he returned to the Cherokee Nation. The principal testimony as to the time within which he returned is that of the applicant himself, who was at the time a small boy, and George Musgrove. The testimony of Musgrove is that he brought James W. Vann to the Cherokee Nation after the war, and he swears that the Treaty had been ratified at Tahlequah of his own personal knowledge, and that it was after the ratification of the Treaty that he

went to Kansas and brought the applicant, among others, to the Cherokee Nation. Musgrove says that they left Kansas in February and got back to the Cherokee Nation sometime in March. If they returned in March, after the ratification of the Treaty, then it must have been March 1867, and this is what the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes found to be the case.

While the evidence in the record is not as convincing as it should be as to any definite time within which the applicant returned to the Cherokee Nation, the probability of any change, should the case be reopened, is very remote. In all probability the witnesses desired to be introduced would testify that Vann returned in 1866 just as Musgrove has testified, but other circumstances would no doubt go to show that they would be totally ignorant as to the year. The Office therefore recommends that the motions be denied and that the decision of the Commissioner rejecting the applications be affirmed.

Attention is also invited to the Commissioner's letter of December 28, 1905, relative to the Cherokee freedmen enrollment case of Martha Williams, who was enrolled by the Commission on July 10, 1903. Martha Williams was a daughter of James W. and Nancy Vann, and the only right to enrollment which she possessed is as a descendant of her father. The Commissioner recommends that the Department rescind its approval of the schedule of Cherokee freedmen approved November 16, 1904, in so far as it

approves the enrollment of Martha Williams, opposite No. 3850,  
and that her name be stricken therefrom.

The Office concurs in the recommendation of the Commissioner in the matter affecting Martha Williams, provided the decision of the Commissioner rejecting the enrollment of James H. Vane be affirmed.

Very respectfully,

C. F. Larrabee,  
Acting Commissioner.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR, LIE  
WASHINGTON.

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January 7, 1907.

L.R.S.

Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskegee, Indian Territory.

Sir:

December 5, 1906, the Indian Office transmitted the record in the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al. as Cherokee freedmen, submitted with your letter of December 28, 1905, and also your letters of March 20 and October 24, 1906, transmitting motions for rehearing in the case and recommended that a rehearing be not granted and that your decision of December 28, 1905, adverse to the claimants be concurred in. It also submitted a motion for rehearing filed by local attorneys for the applicants September 17, 1906, not within the time required by section 2 of the act of April 26, 1906 (34 Stat., 137).

Upon the testimony submitted at the hearing your decision was clearly right. The affidavits in support of the motion are not entirely satisfactory and ordinarily, at this stage of enrollment proceedings in the Cherokee Nation, might not be considered sufficient to order a rehearing, but as you recommend that the Department rescind its approval of November 16, 1906,

of the partial roll of Cherokee freedmen so far as it relates to Martha Williams (the daughter of James N. Vann, through whom it appears she claims her rights in the Cherokee Nation), opposite No. 3850 thereon, and that you be authorized to readjudicate her case, the Department concludes to allow a rehearing in the James N. Vann case, in connection with a further hearing, which it authorizes you to have concerning the right of Martha Williams to enrollment as a Cherokee freedmen.

It is stated in your letter of December 28, 1905, that the only right to enrollment which she possesses is as a descendant of her father and mother, whom you have found are not entitled to enrollment.

It appears that on July 10, 1903, the Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes rendered a decision in favor of Martha Williams and so advised the attorney for the Cherokee Nation, who failed to protest within the time mentioned in the notice of the Commission and the enrollment was therefore made.

The Department in approving the partial roll in question was not advised of these facts. She is entitled to a further hearing and the facts then developed may show that both she and her father are entitled to enrollment.

The original record and the motions for rehearing, also a reply to one of the motions by the attorney for the Cherokee Na-

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tion, and a copy of said Indian Office letter are inclosed.

The Indian Office will advise local attorneys.

Respectfully,

Thos. Ryan

First Assistant Secretary.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

Starr & Patten,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

In reply to your letter of January 3, 1907, enclosing a motion for a rehearing in the Cherokee freedmen enrollment case of James N. Vann, et al., you are advised that said motion has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior.

Respectfully,

H. J. C.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 7, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

There is enclosed a motion filed January 4, 1907, by Starr & Patten, attorneys, Vinita, Indian Territory, for a rehearing of the Cherokee freedmen case of James N. Vann, et al. This motion, which is supported by affidavits, was forwarded to this office with the letter of said attorneys, dated January 3, 1907. They request that this office recommend favorable action by the Department.

The decision of the Commissioner, together with the record of proceedings had in the case of James N. Vann, was forwarded to the Department December 28, 1905. On March 20, 1906, there was forwarded a motion made by William Rich, attorney for applicants, for a rehearing of the case, and on October 24, 1906, there was forwarded a motion made by Lewis T. Brown, attorney for applicants, for a rehearing of the case, together with the protest of the attorney for the Cherokee nation against the motion being granted.



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For the reason that the case is now pending before the Department, and because all of the papers in the case are not before the Commissioner, it is not desired to make any recommendation on the motion herewith transmitted.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Through the Commissioner  
of Indian Affairs.

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FORM 2.

# TELEGRAM

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James . Vann

Choctaw, Indian Territory.

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names and addresses of witnesses you desire to introduce.

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Starr and Patten

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Department has directed rehearing in freedom case of James  
Vann including your client George Vann. Submit at once  
list of names and addresses of witnesses for applicants.

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Commissioner

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Waco, Indian Territory, January 15, 1907

I. P. F. 12000

Choteau, Indian Territory.

Department has directed rendering in freedom case of  
James M. Vane. Submit at once list of names and addresses  
of witnesses for applicants.

O B G R

Bixby  
Commissioner

The Postal Companies Reach all Important Points in the United States and British America, and via Commercial Cables, all the World.

Cherokee Freedmen  
666-1216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1907

Starr & Patten,

Attorneys for George Vann ,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are hereby advised that on January 7, the Department directed a rehearing of the Cherokee freedmen case of James N. Vann et al., and Martha Williams, a daughter of James N. Vann. A copy of the Departmental decision is herewith enclosed.

You appear as attorney of record for George Vann and I. P. Bledsoe of Choteau, Indian Territory, appears as Agent for the principal applicant, James N. Vann.

Mr. Bledsoe has this day been telegraphed to submit at once a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses he proposes to introduce on behalf of the applicants in this case. The principal applicants were also

Starr & Patten-2

telegraphed in reference to the matter. If you still represent this applicant, you are requested to communicate at once with the other representative in the case, to ascertain whether he still represents the applicants, and if so, to submit, at one time, and at the earliest practicable date, a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses it is proposed to introduce on behalf of the applicants.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

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Cherokee Freedman  
666-1216

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1907

I. P. Bledsoe,

Agent for James N. Vann et al.,  
Choteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that on January 7, the Department directed a rehearing of the Cherokee freedman case of James N. Vann, et al., and Martha Williams, a daughter of James N. Vann. A copy of the Departmental decision is herewith enclosed.

You appear as Agent for said principal applicant, and Starr & Patten, Vinita, Indian Territory, appear as attorneys of record for George Vann, a son of James N. Vann. Messrs. Starr & Patten have this day been telegraphed to submit at once a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses they propose to introduce on behalf of the appli-

I. P. Bledsoe-2

cants in this case. The principal applicants were also telegraphed in reference to the matter.

If you still represent these applicants, you are requested to communicate at once with the other representatives in the case, to ascertain whether they still represent the applicants, and if so, to submit, at one time, and at the earliest practicable date, a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses it is proposed to introduce on behalf of the applicants.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

Encl. B-41



Cherokee Freedmen  
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Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 15, 1907

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for Cherokee Nation:

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is herewith enclosed a copy of the Departmental decision of January 7, 1907, directing a rehearing in the Cherokee Freedman case of James N. Vann et al., and Martha Williams a daughter of said James N. Vann.

I. P. Bledsoe, Choteau, Indian Territory, appears as Agent for James N. Vann, and Starr & Patten, Vinita, Indian Territory, appear as attorneys of record for George Vann, a son of James N. Vann. Messrs. Starr & Patten and Mr. Bledsoe have been this day telegraphed to submit, at once, a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses they propose to introduce on behalf of applicants. The principal applicants were also telegraphed in reference to the matter.

W. W. Hastings-2

When a list of the names and addresses of the witnesses it is proposed to introduce is submitted to this office you will be furnished a copy of the same and the case will be set for hearing.

Respectfully,

L M B

Commissioner

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Chouteau, I.T. January 15, 1907.

Dear Sirs:

Your telegram recd. & I will state that as I am only one of the attorneys in the James Neal Vann case, I can send you only a partial list now, but I will write James Neal Vann who is at Lenapah, I.T. and also J. C. Starr (Atty) Vinita, to send in this list of witnesses at once to you, notifying them of the list I send in now.

The witnesses now desired in the James Neal Vann C. F. D. case--- Ned Adair, Katie Vann, Lenapah, I.T. Jennie Vann, James Rider, Nelson Murphy and Jackson Murphy, P.O. Chouteau, I.T. Sam Mayes, Mary Mayes, P.O. Pryor Creek, I.T.

Very Respty.

I. P. Bledsoe.

N.B. I write J. C. Starr & James N. Vann tonight.

I.P.B.

Chouteau, I.T. January 17, 1907.

Dear Sirs:

I wish the names of Hon. James M. Keys, Pryor Creek I.T. and Rose Alberty or Martha Choteau, Choteau, I.T. added to the list of my witnesses in the James Neal Vann C.F.D. case. I have communicated your desire to Starr & Patten and also to James N. Vann at Lenapah, I.T. but as yet have heard nothing. What had become of my John Markham nee Susie Kirk case, and I see that the name of Rufus Vann, son of James N. Vann is not listed and my understanding was that his case stands with others with best wishes.

Very Respty,

(Signed) J. P. Pledge.

January 19, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes,  
Muskogee, I.T.

Dear Sir:

As Attorneys for George Vann and Martha Williams, in the Freedman Enrollment case of James N. Vann et al, in addition to the list of witnesses submitted therein by I. P. Bledsoe, of which he notified us, we beg leave to submit the following named persons, as witnesses, whom we desire to introduce in said case on behalf of the applicants:-

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| ✓ 1. Mary Fields,       | Lane, Kansas.         |
| 2. J. M. Powell,        | Lane Kansas.          |
| ✓ 3. Dr. J.A. Fuller,   | Lane, Kansas.         |
| 4. Albert Wells,        | Lane, Kansas.         |
| 5. J. W. Wells,         | Lane, Kansas.         |
| ✓ 6. A. W. Chambers,    | Lane, Kansas.         |
| ✓ 7. John S. Hanway,    | Lane, Kansas.         |
| 8. Sam Hanway,          | Dallas, Texas.        |
| ✓ 9. Duncan Holeyday,   | St. Joseph, Missouri. |
| 10. William W. Ambrose, | Greely, Kansas.       |
| ✓ 11. Tip Lowry,        | Greely Kansas.        |
| 12. Cap't. J.C. Reese,  | Greely, Kansas.       |
| 13. Charles Smith,      | Osawatomie, Kansas.   |
| 14. W. B. Smith,        | Osawatomie, Kansas.   |
| 15. Johnson Clark,      | Kansas City, Mo.      |
| ✓ 16. Lilburn White,    | Lane, Kansas.         |
| 17. Thomas J. Pyle,     | Ottawa, Kansas.       |
| 18. C. V. Robbins,      | Ottawa, Kansas.       |
| ✓ 19. P. P. Elder,      | Ottawa, Kansas.       |
| ✓ 20. Joe Davis,        | Vinita, I.T.          |
| ✓ 21. Nelson Moore,     | Ketchum, I.T.         |
| ✓ 22. Katie Taylor,     | Lenapah, I.T.         |
| 23. Becky Musgrove,     | Lenapah, I.T.         |
| ✓ 24. George Musgrove,  | Lenapah, I.T.         |
| ✓ 25. George West Vann, | Hayden, I.T.          |
| 26. Arch Landrum,       | Ketchum, I.T.         |
| 27. Columbus McVair,    | Vinita, I.T.          |

Yours truly,

(Signed) Starr & Patten.

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To Starr & Patten

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Replying to your telegram of this day Vann case will be set  
for hearing thirty-first provided you have no witnesses  
other than those advised by Gladson.

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Commissioner

READ THE NOTICE AND AGREEMENT ON BACK. **4**

Cherokee F.  
666

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 23, 1907.

James H. Vann,

Lenapah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are hereby advised that your agent, I. P. Bledsoe, Choteau, Indian Territory, has been notified that he will be permitted to appear before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 7, 1907, and introduce in your behalf the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses he has heretofore furnished this office.

The Cherokee Nation will also be permitted to appear on that day and introduce in rebuttal such testimony as it desires in your case.

Respectfully,

J.M.H.

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
666 & 1216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that I. P. Bledsoe, Choteau, Indian Territory, and Starr & Patten, Vinita, Indian Territory, have been notified that they will be permitted to appear before the Commissioner on February 7, 1907, and introduce on behalf of applicants in the Cherokee freedmen case of James M. Vann, et al., the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses they have furnished this office, a copy of which has been furnished you.

You will also be permitted to appear on that day and introduce in rebuttal such testimony as you may desire in the case.

Respectfully,

J.M.H.

Commissioner.



Cherokee F.  
666 & 1216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

Starr & Patten

Attorneys for George Vann, et al.,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

You are advised that you will be permitted to appear before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 7, 1907, and introduce on behalf of your clients, George Vann and Martha Williams, the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses you furnished this office in your letter of January 19, 1907; and I. P. Bledsoe, of Choteau, Indian Territory, has been advised that he will be permitted to introduce in the case on behalf of his clients, James N. Vann, et al., the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses he has furnished this office.

The Cherokee Nation will also be permitted to appear on that day and introduce in rebuttal such testimony as it desires in the case.

Respectfully,

J.M.H.

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
666 & 1216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, January 28, 1907.

I. P. Bledsoe,

Choteau, Indian territory.

Dear Sir:

You are advised that you will be permitted to appear before the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes on February 7, 1907, and introduce on behalf of your clients, James H. Vann, et al., the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses you have furnished this office, and Starr & Patten, of Vinita, Indian territory, have been advised that they will be permitted to introduce in the case on behalf of their clients, George Vann and Martha Williams, the testimony of the witnesses whose names and addresses they furnished this office in their letter of January 19, 1907.

The Cherokee Nation will be permitted to appear on that day and introduce in rebuttal such testimony as it desires in the case.

Respectfully,

JMH

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1907.

W. W. Hastings,

Attorney for the Cherokee Nation,

Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of supplemental proceedings had at Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7 and 8, 1907, in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Encl. W-4.  
S.W.

Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 18, 1907.

Messrs. Starr & Patten,

of Attorneys for James N. Vann, et al.,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of supplemental proceedings had at Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 7 and 8, 1907, in the matter of the applications for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Encl. W-3.  
S.W.

Commissioner.

Cherokee F.  
1216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

Martha Williams,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Dear Madam:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, granting your application for enrollment as a Cherokee freedman.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Encl. C-72  
LMC

Cherokee P.  
1216.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

Starr & Patten,

Attorneys for Martha Williams, et al.,  
Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of Martha Williams and George Vann, as Cherokee freedmen. You have heretofore been furnished a copy of the record of proceedings had in the case.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Encl. C-95  
LWC

Cherokee F.  
666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

W. W. Hastings,  
Attorney for Cherokee Nation,  
Muskogee, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of James W. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Encl.C-72  
LMC

Cherokee F.  
666.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

James N. Vann,  
Lenapah, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of yourself and children, William, George, Cleveland and Rufus Vann, as Cherokee freedmen.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

Encl. C-71  
LNC



Cherokee F.  
666.

COF

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

I. P. Bledsoe,

Attorney for James N. Vann, et al.,

Chouteau, Indian Territory.

Dear Sir:

There is enclosed herewith a copy of the decision of the Commissioner to the Five Civilized Tribes, dated February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen. You have heretofore been furnished a copy of the record of proceedings had in the case.

The decision, together with the record of proceedings had in the case, has this day been transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior for his review and decision. The action of the Secretary will be made known to you as soon as this office is informed of the same.

Respectfully,

Encl.C-96  
LMC

Chas. B. ...  
Commissioner.

Muskogee, Indian Territory, February 28, 1907.

The Honorable,

The Secretary of the Interior.

Sir:

Referring to Departmental letter of January 7, 1907, (I.T.D. 244:EB-1906), remanded to the Commissioner for rehearing and readjudication, the Cherokee freedmen cases of James N. Vann, et al., and Martha Williams, there is inclosed the Commissioner's decision dated February 28, 1907, granting the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, William Vann, George Vann, Cleveland Vann, Martha Williams, and Rufus Vann, as Cherokee freedmen. The name of Martha Williams appears on a partial roll of Cherokee freedmen, approved by the Secretary of the Interior, opposite No. 3850.

In the event of the approval of the Commissioner's decision in this case, it is recommended that the enrollment of said Martha Williams on said roll opposite No. 3850, be reaffirmed. There is inclosed a schedule containing the name of James Vann, William Vann, George Vann, Cleveland Vann, and Rufus Vann, and in the event of the approval of the Commissioner's decision in this case the approval of this schedule is also recommended.

It will be noted that no numbers have been given the cases of the persons appearing on this schedule. This action is

taxed in accordance with the procedure adopted by the Commissioner January 28, 1907, and approved by the Department by its telegram of February 9, 1907. In the event of the approval of the Commissioner's decision in this case, it is further recommended that the names of the persons in this schedule be given numbers, in consecutive order, by Mr. McGarr, the employe of my office now in Washington.

Respectfully,

(Signed) Tams Bixby  
Commissioner.

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Muskogee, Indian Territory, March 5, 1907.

Messrs Starr & Patton,

Vinita, Indian Territory.

Gentlemen:

There is enclosed herewith the original instrument executed by the President of the United States January 5, 1907, restoring Arch Landrum to his civil rights, a certified copy of which is filed in the matter of the application for the enrollment of James N. Vann, et al., as Cherokee freedmen.

Respectfully,

Commissioner.

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